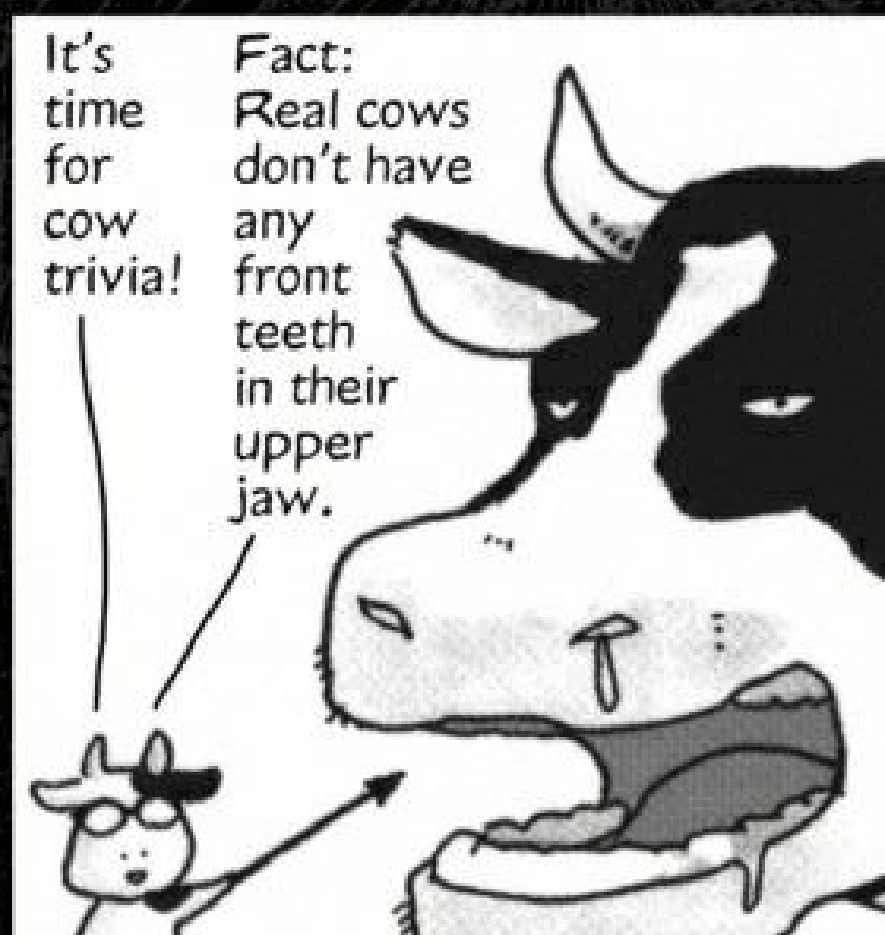


FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST™



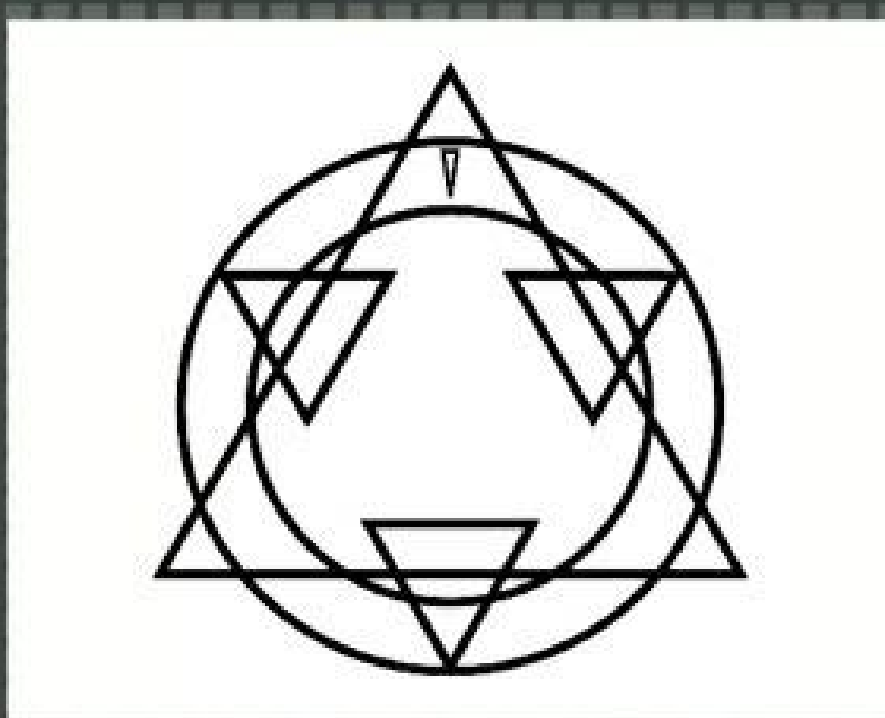
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True story – when I went to get a shiatsu massage after making my last deadline, the masseuse said to me, “Your right shoulder is really tense.” I almost replied to him, “That’s because it’s auto-mail!” because I was sleepy and my head was in a daze as I was thinking about some ideas for the next chapter.

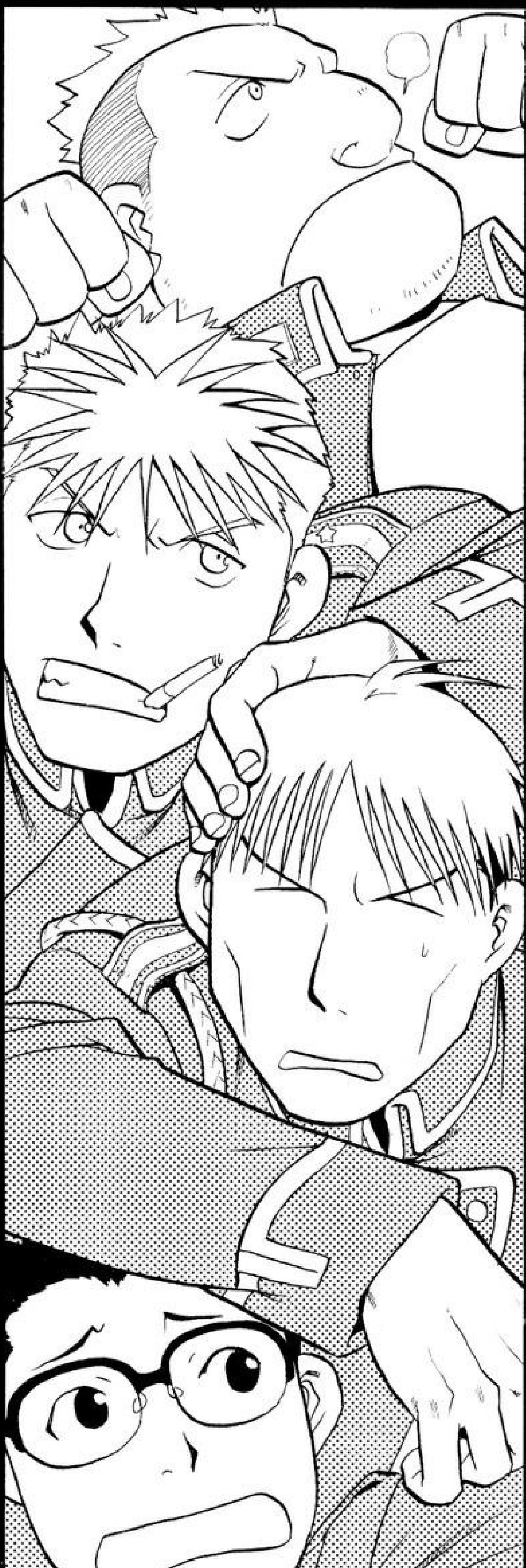
—Hiromu Arakawa, 2005



Born in Hokkaido (northern Japan), Hiromu Arakawa first attracted national attention in 1999 with her award-winning manga *Stray Dog*. Her series *Fullmetal Alchemist* debuted in 2001 in Square Enix’s monthly manga anthology *Shonen Gangan*.



FULLMETAL
ALCHEMIST



金の錬金術師
FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST

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荒川弘

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CHARACTERS

FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST



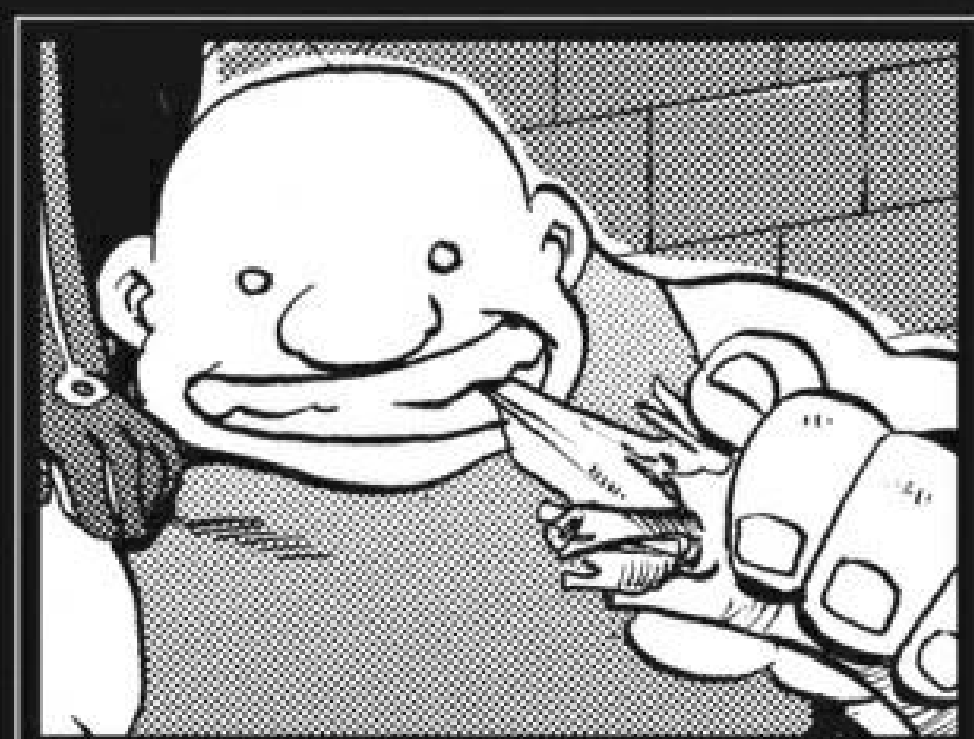
□ ウィンリィ・ロックベル

Winry Rockbell



□ スカー

Scar



□ グラトニー

Gluttony



□ キング・ブラッドレイ

King Bradley



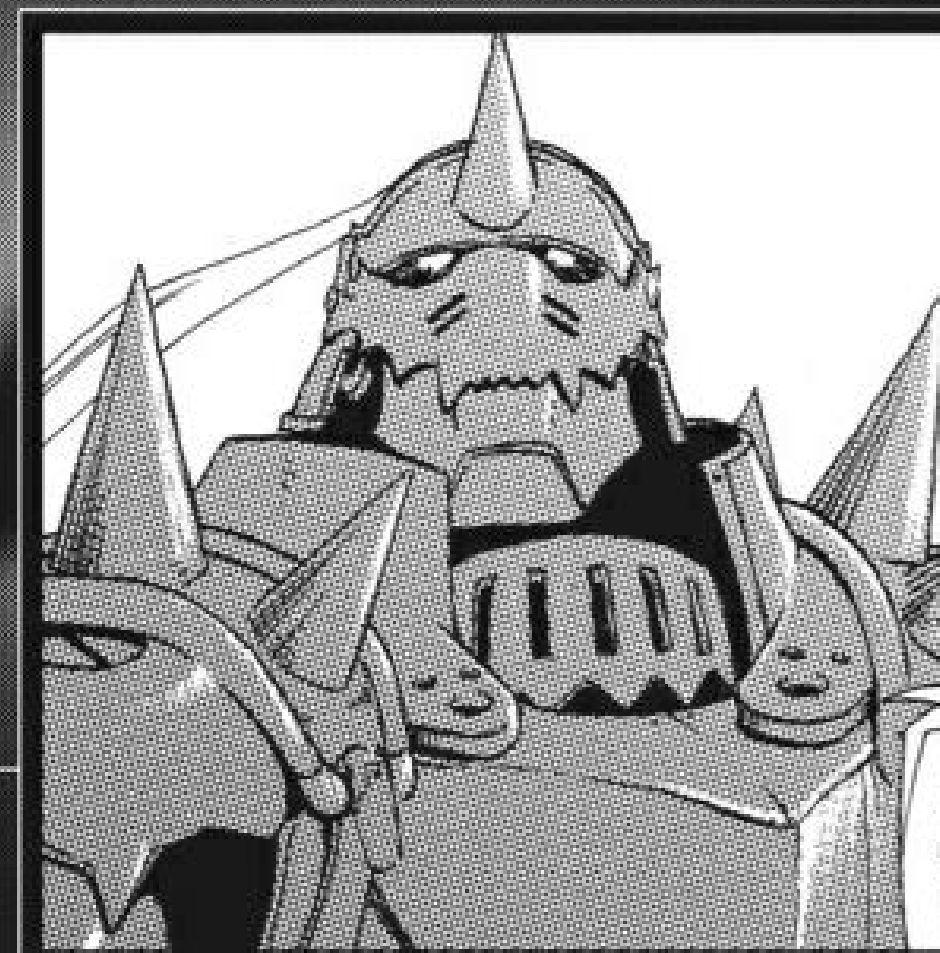
□ リン・ヤオ

Lin Yao



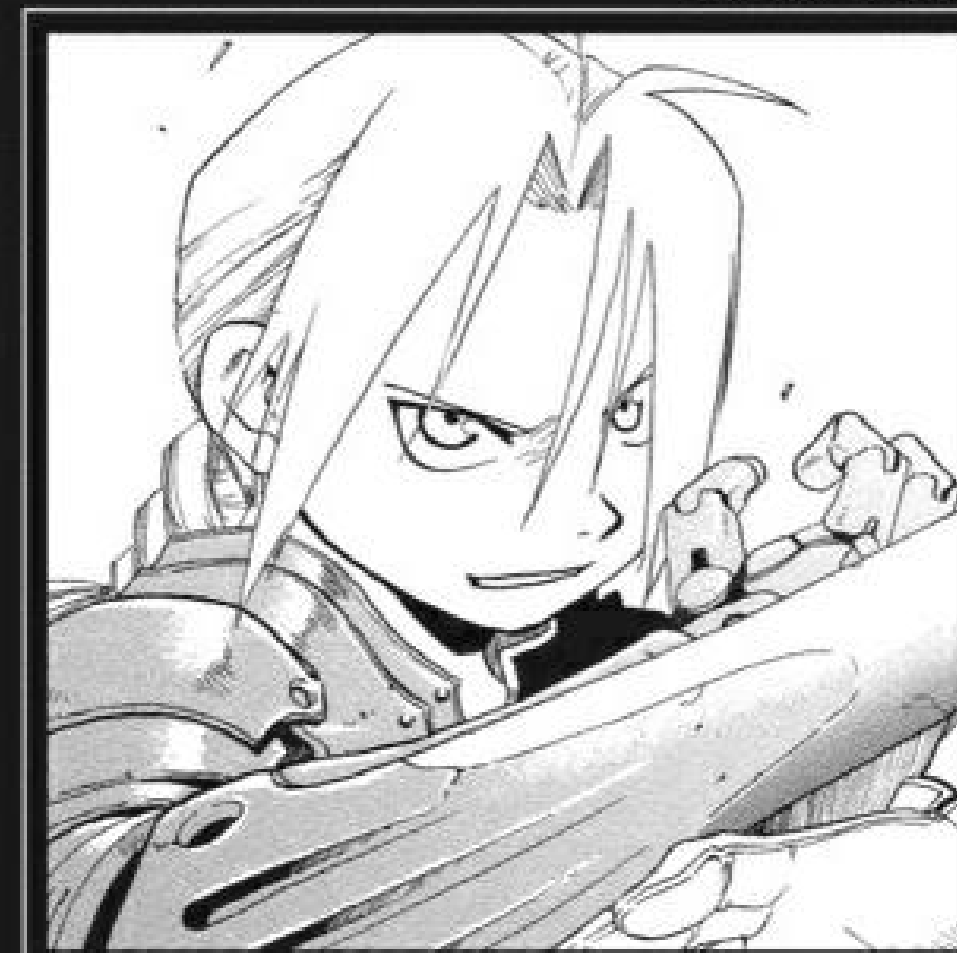
□ メイ・チャン

May Chang



□ アルフォンス・エルリック

Alphonse Elric



□ エドワード・エルリック

Edward Elric



□ アレックス・ルイ・アームストロング

Alex Louis Armstrong



□ ロイ・マスタング

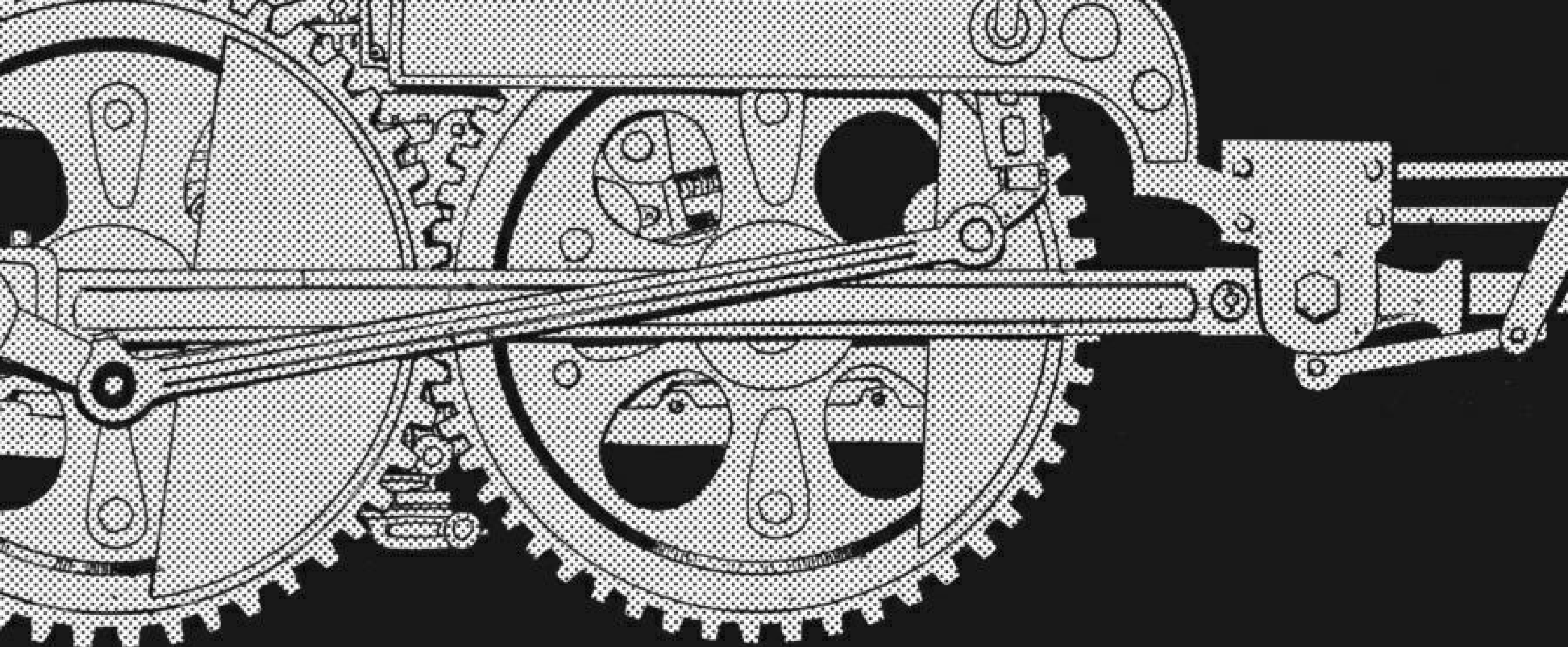
Roy Mustang

OUTLINE

FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST

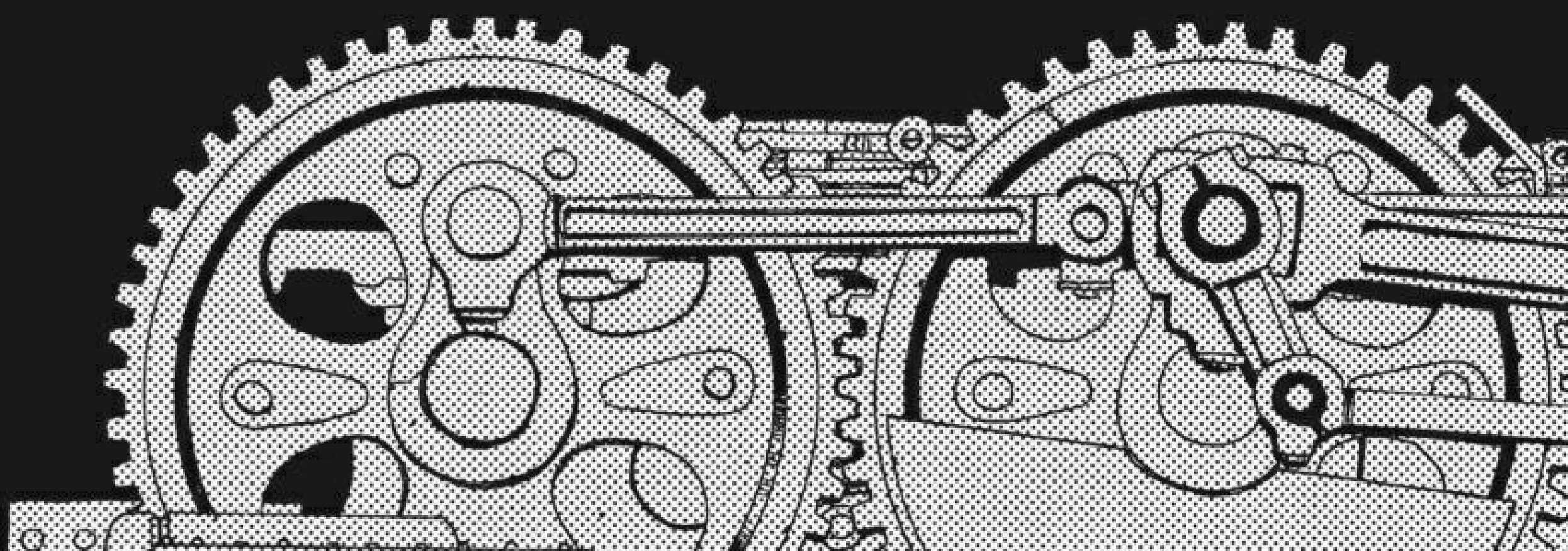
Using a forbidden alchemical ritual, the Elric Brothers attempted to bring their dead mother back to life. But the ritual went wrong, consuming Edward Elric's leg and Alphonse Elric's entire body. At the cost of his arm, Edward was able to graft his brother's soul into a suit of armor. Equipped with mechanical "auto-mail" to replace his missing limbs, Edward becomes a state alchemist, serving the military on deadly missions. Now, the two brothers roam the world in search of the Philosopher's Stone, the legendary substance with the power to restore what they have lost...

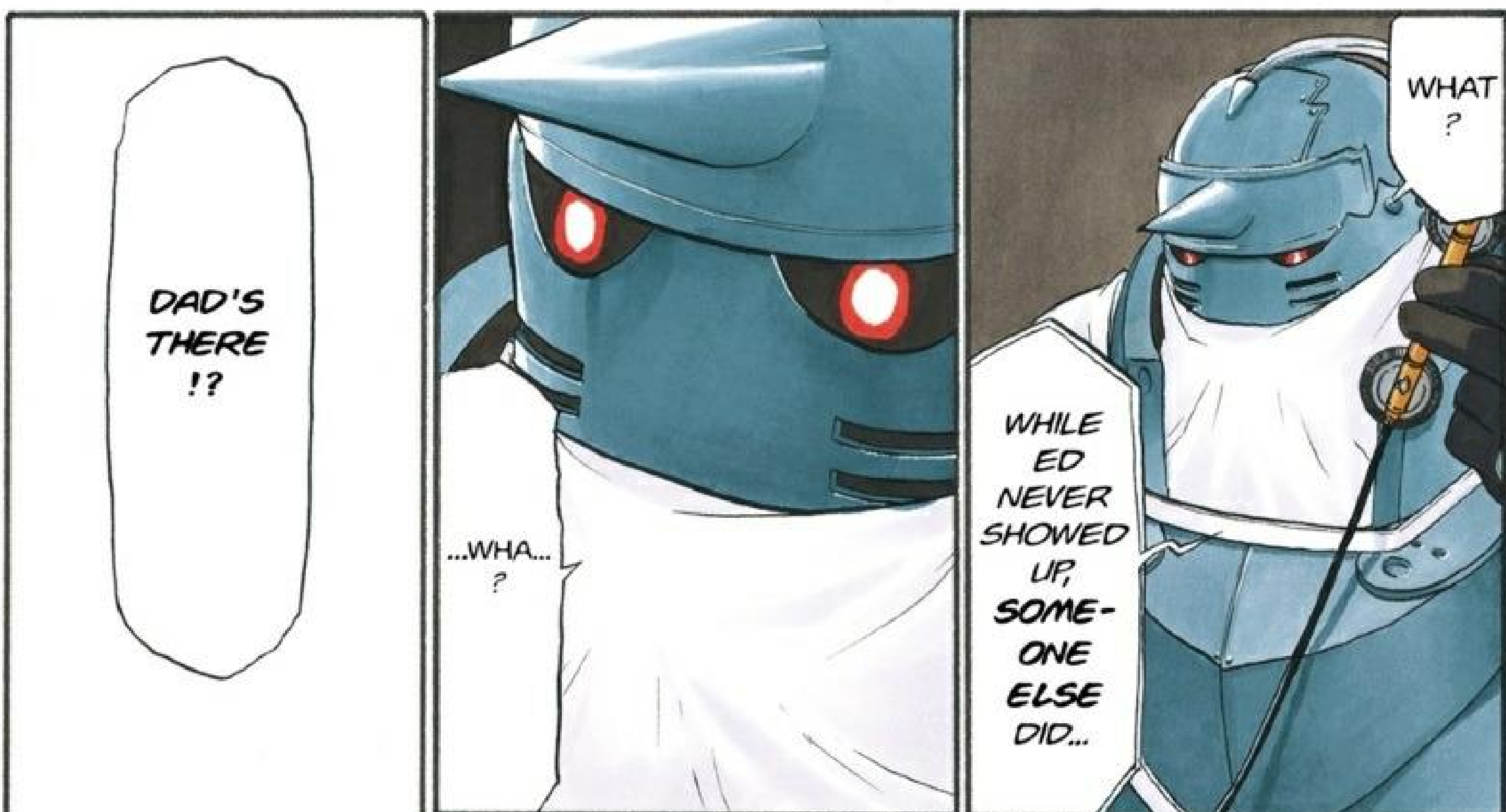
The Elric Brothers aren't the only state alchemists on a mission. Colonel Roy Mustang and his team have been following many of the same leads as young Edward in an attempt to uncover a conspiracy within the military that could go all the way to the top. Using Barry the Chopper and the wrongfully accused Maria Ross as bait, Roy manages to track the Homunculi to their underground base. In a harrowing battle, Roy destroys the beautiful and cunning Lust once and for all, but at a great cost—Jean Havoc is left paralyzed and Maria Ross must remain in exile. Meanwhile, Ed returns home to Resembool where he sees the most shocking sight imaginable—**his father**.

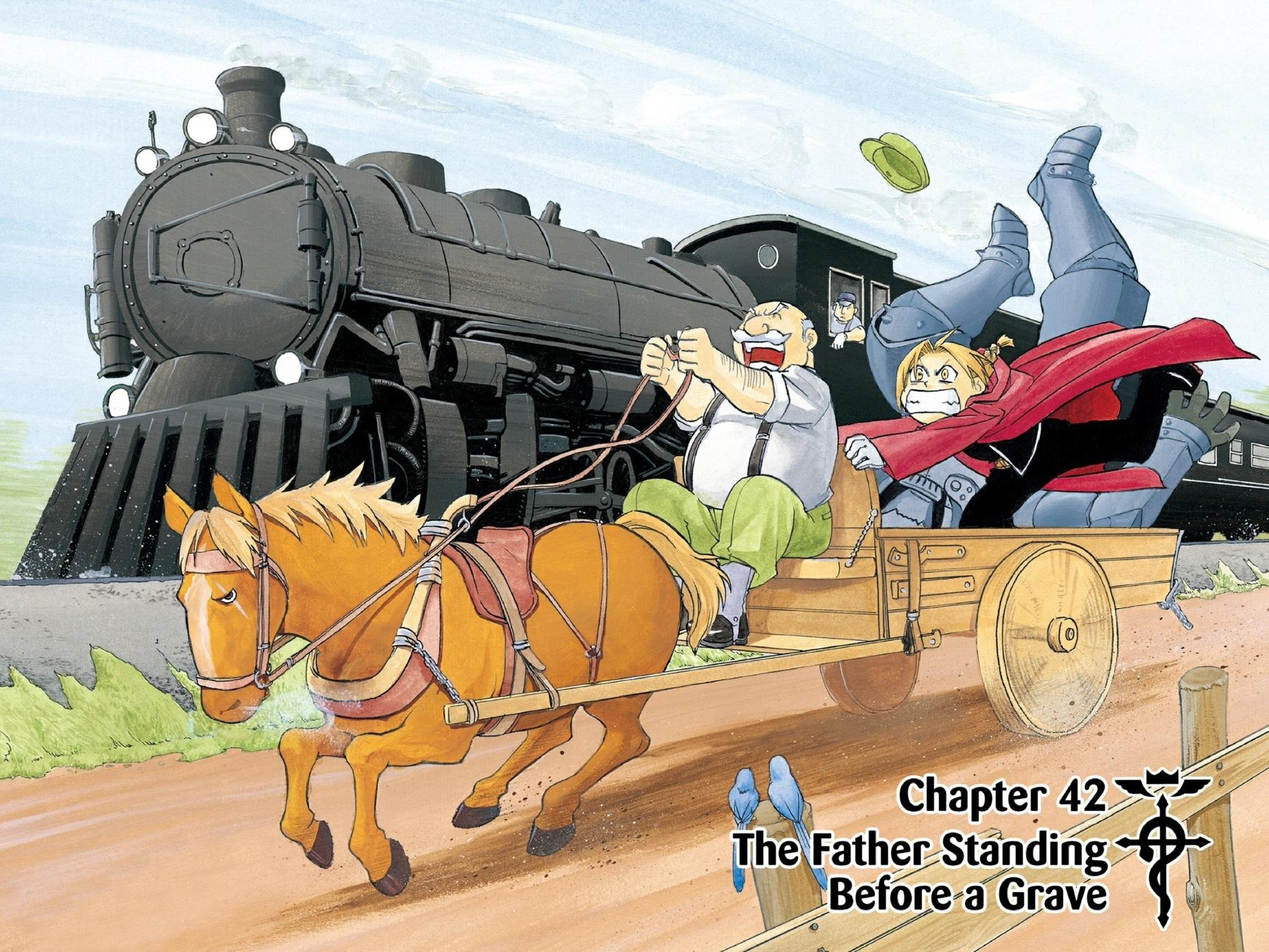


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Chapter 42
The Father Standing
Before a Grave





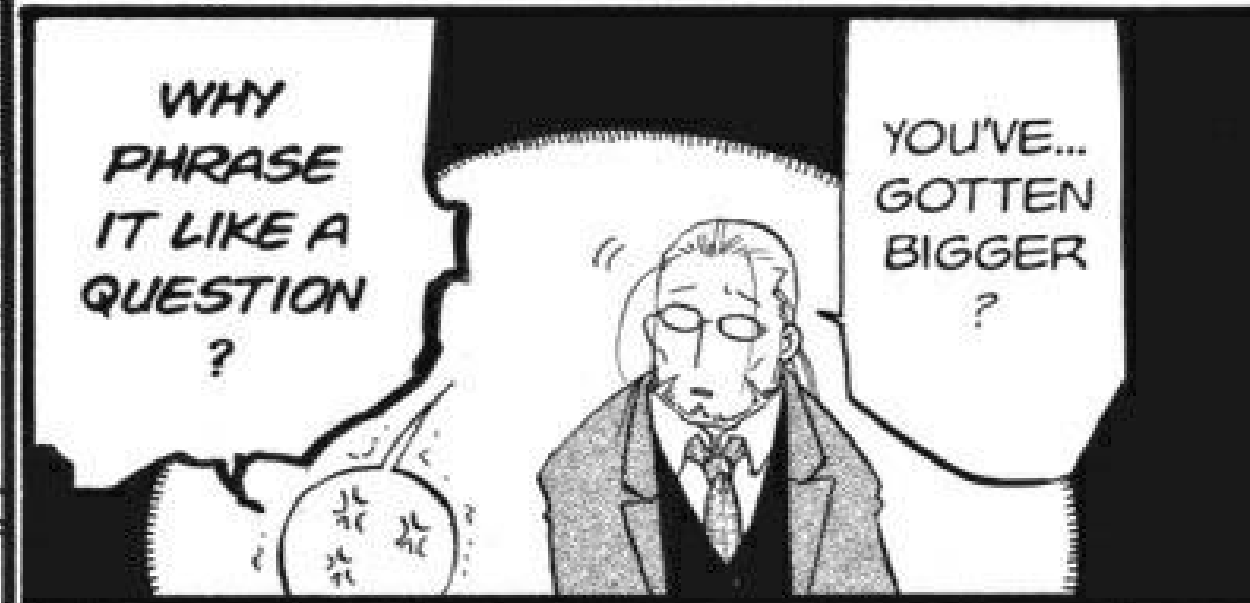
FULLMETAL
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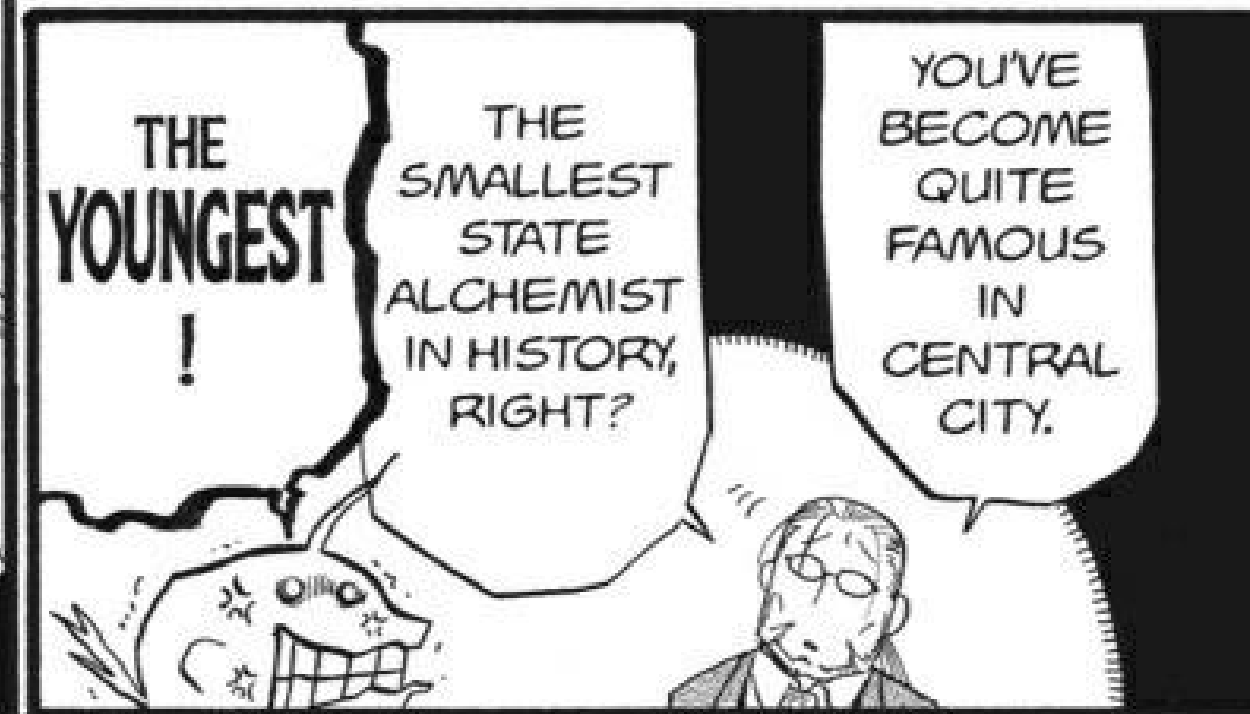
PINAKO
TOLD
ME...

YOU
TRIED
TO
TRANS-
MUTE
A
HUMAN
BEING,
DIDN'T
YOU?



WHY
PHRASE
IT LIKE A
QUESTION
?

YOU'VE...
GOTTEN
BIGGER
?



THE
YOUNGEST
!

THE
SMALLEST
STATE
ALCHEMIST
IN HISTORY,
RIGHT?

YOU'VE
BECOME
QUITE
FAMOUS
IN
CENTRAL
CITY.



HOW CAN
YOU CALL
YOUR OWN
FATHER
A
BASTARD?



YOU
BASTARD!
HOW DARE
YOU SHOW
YOUR FACE
HERE AFTER
ALL THIS
TIME!!



WHY DO
YOU THINK!?
BECAUSE
OF THE
HARDSHIP
YOU PUT
HER
THROUGH!!

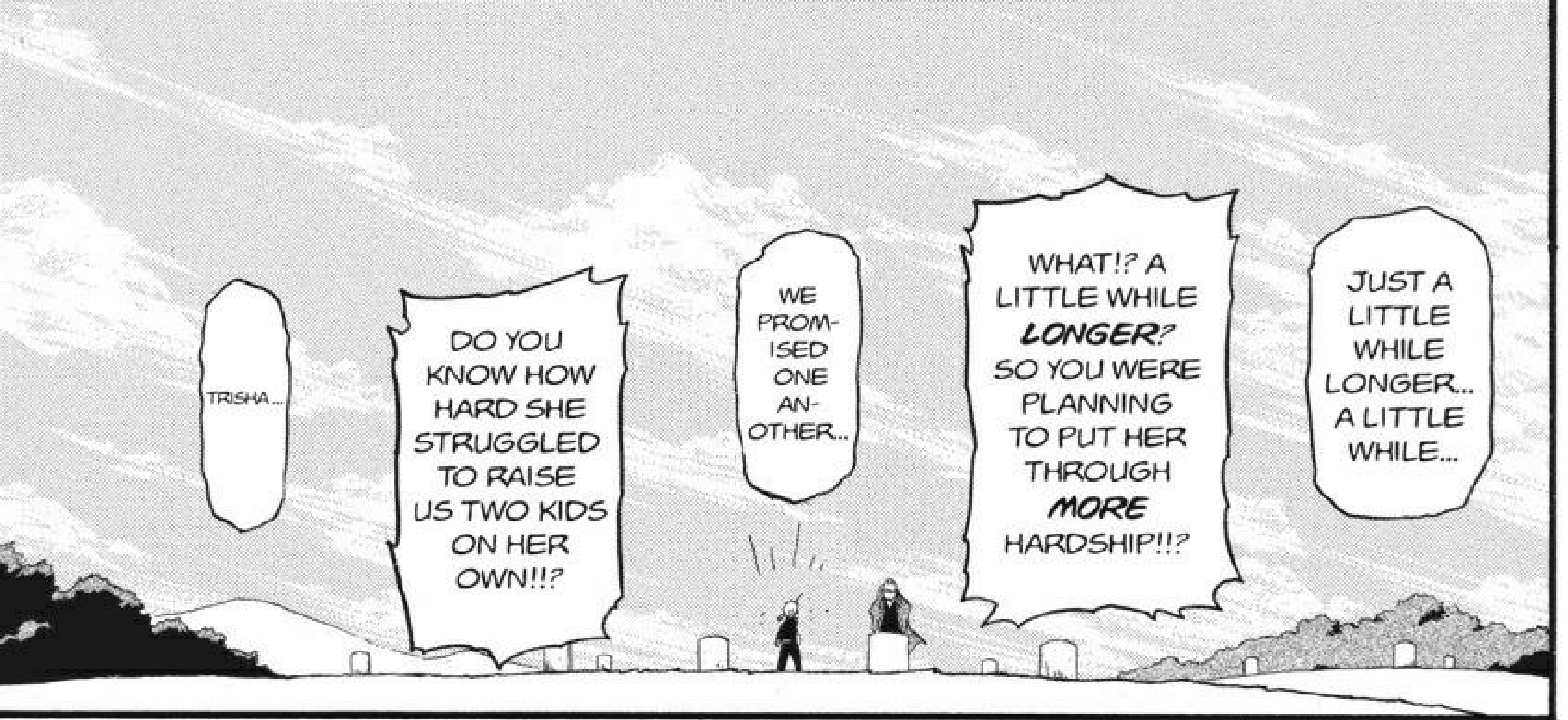
WHY
DID YOU
DIE...
?



TRISHA...

IF WE
WEREN'T
STANDING
IN FRONT
OF MOM'S
GRAVE,
I WOULD
SLUG
YOU.

"BASTARD"
IS
BETTER
THAN A
BASTARD
LIKE YOU
DESERVES
!





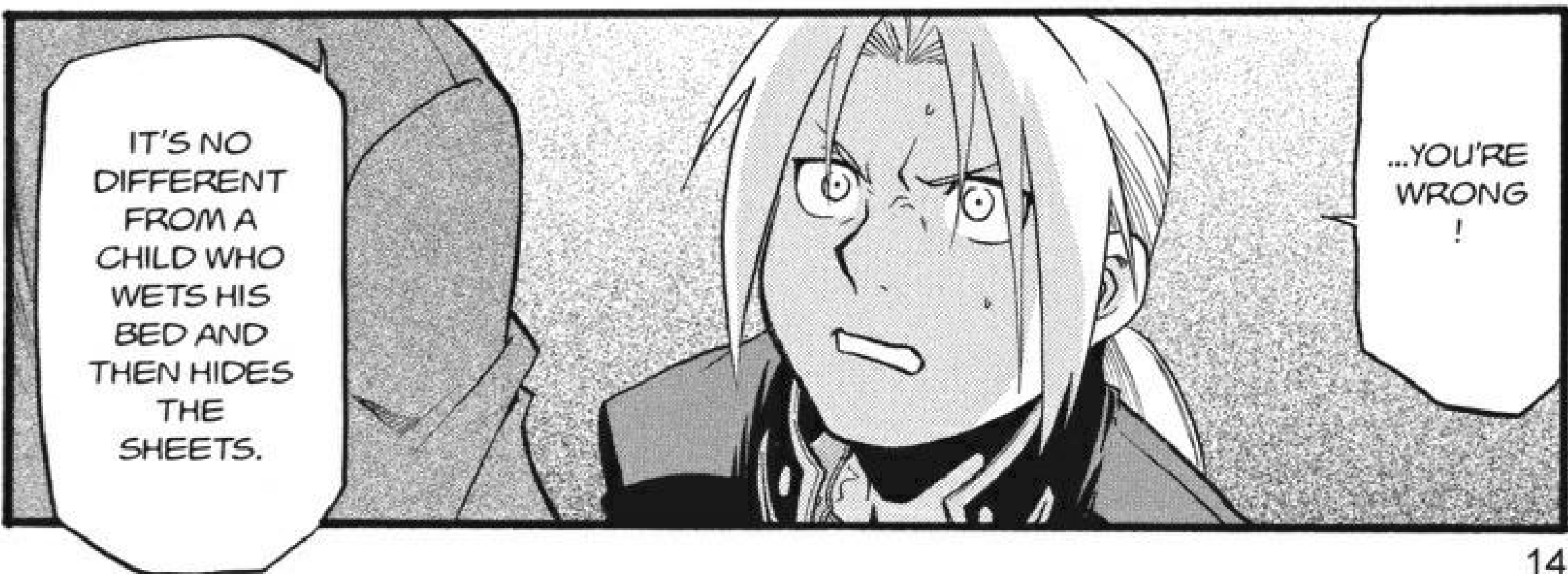
YOU
DID
IT...

...BECAUSE
YOU DIDN'T
WANT TO BE
REMINDED
OF YOUR
MISTAKE!



YOU THOUGHT
YOU COULD
ERASE ALL
TRACES
OF YOUR
ACTIONS,
DIDN'T YOU?

YOU
WANTED
TO
ESCAPE
FROM THE
PAINFUL
MEMORIES...



IT'S NO
DIFFERENT
FROM A
CHILD WHO
WETS HIS
BED AND
THEN HIDES
THE
SHEETS.

...YOU'RE
WRONG
!



WHAT
WOULD
YOU
KNOW
!!?

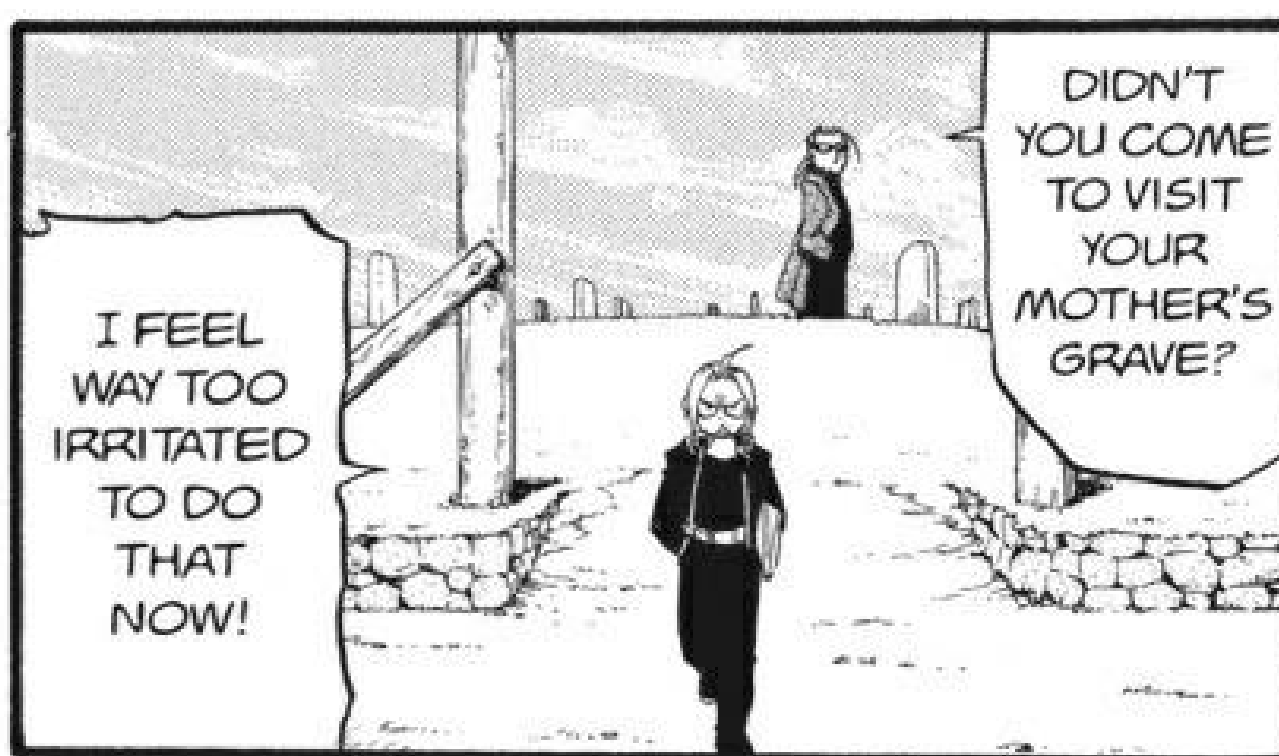


YOU
WERE
RUNNING
AWAY...

...EDWARD.



I
DO
KNOW.



I FEEL
WAY TOO
IRRITATED
TO DO
THAT
NOW!

DIDN'T
YOU COME
TO VISIT
YOUR
MOTHER'S
GRAVE?



TALKING
TO YOU
MAKES ME
SICK!!

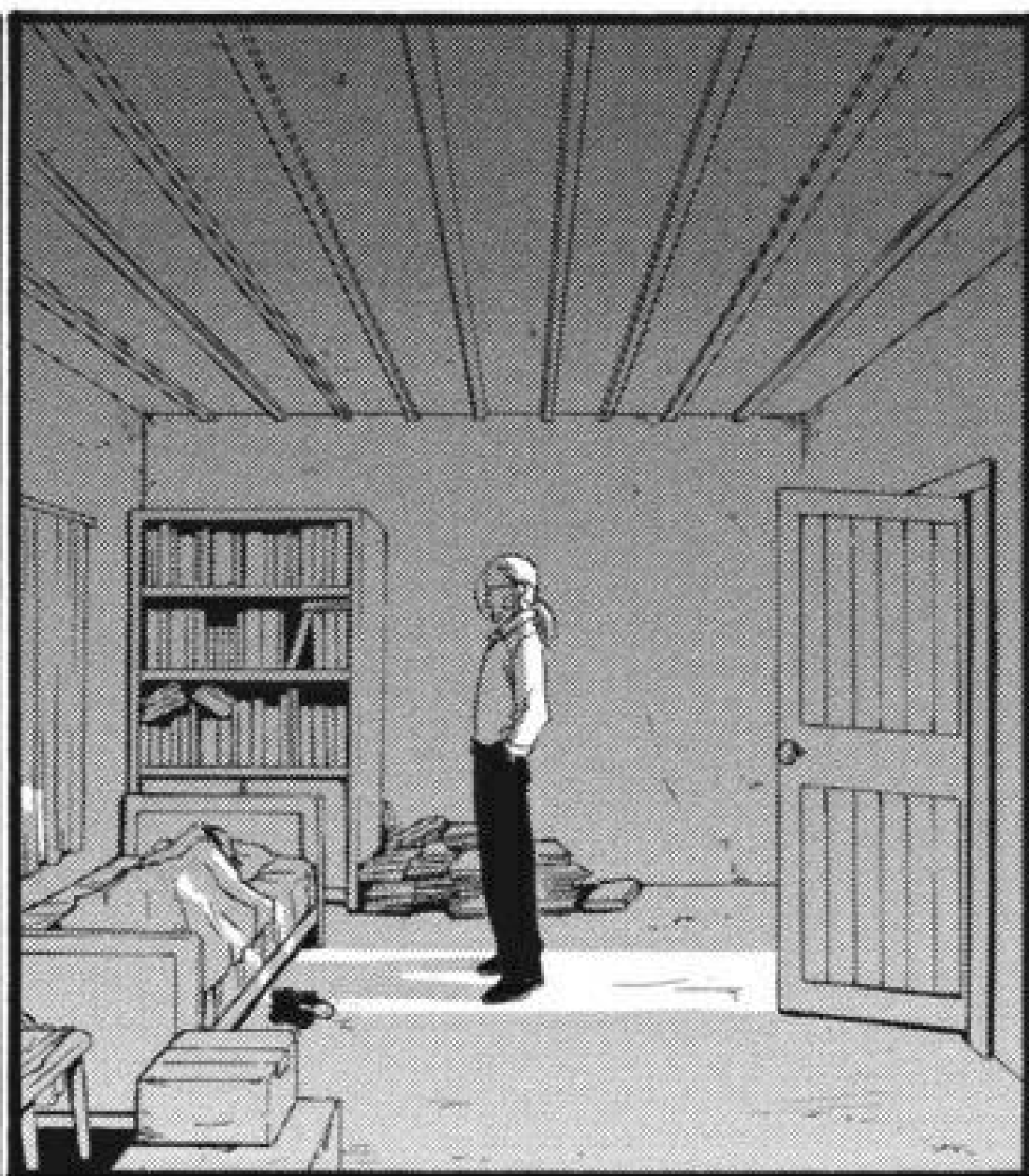
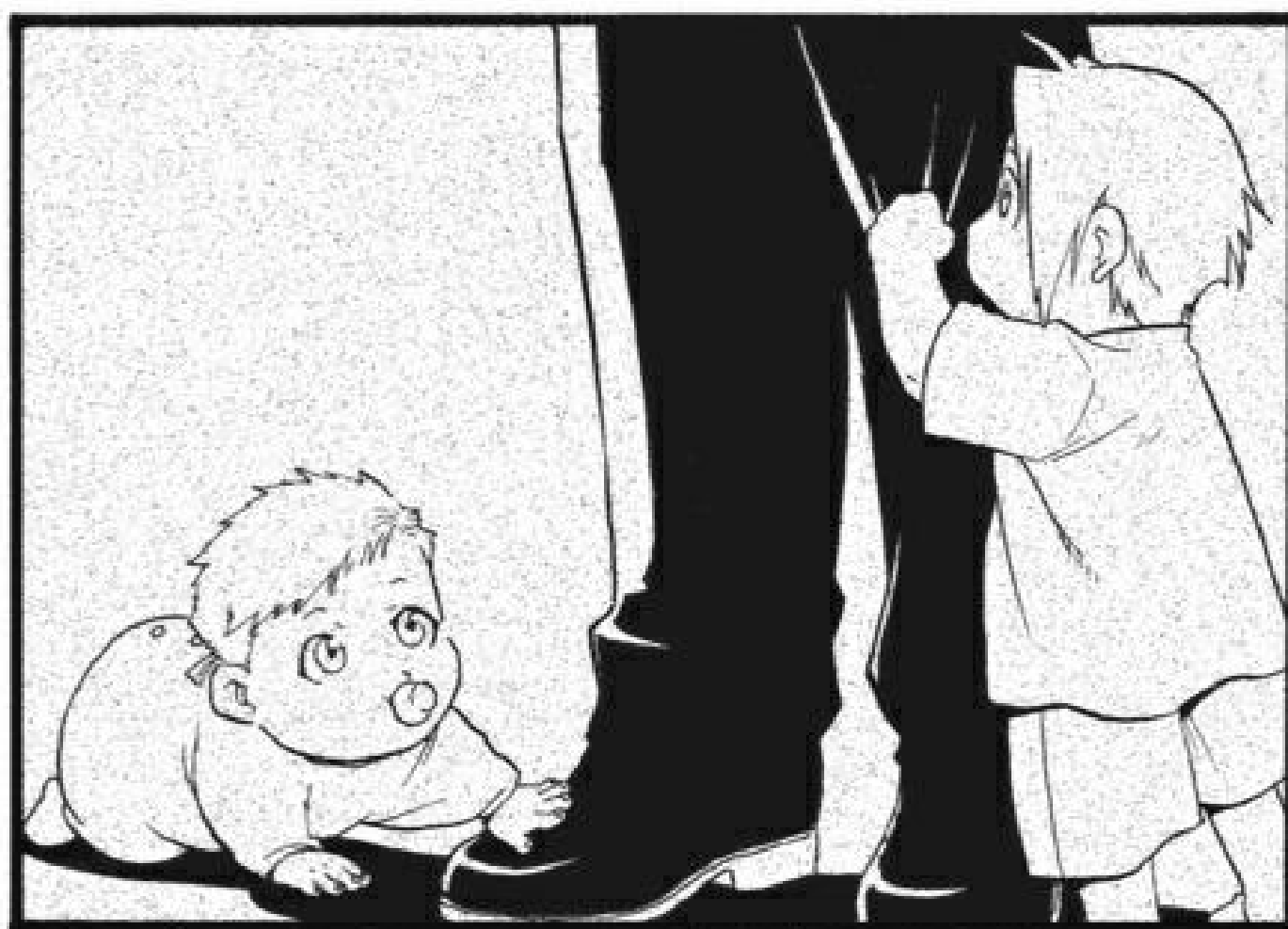
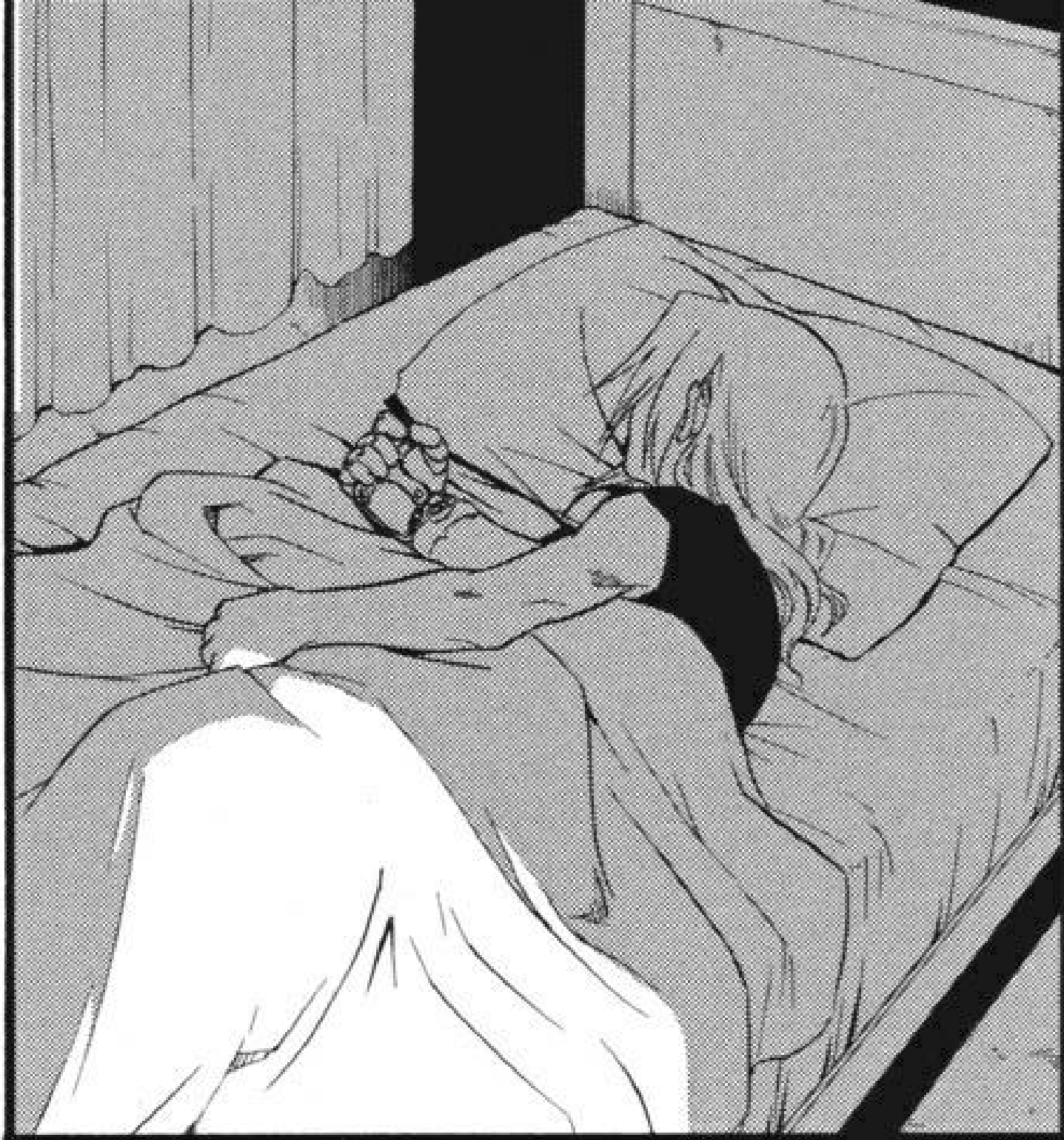


I'M GOING
THERE TOO--
SEEING AS
I HAVE NO
HOME OF
MY OWN TO
RETURN TO.

YOU'RE
GOING
TO
PINAKE'S
HOUSE,
RIGHT?

DON'T
FOLLOW
ME!!



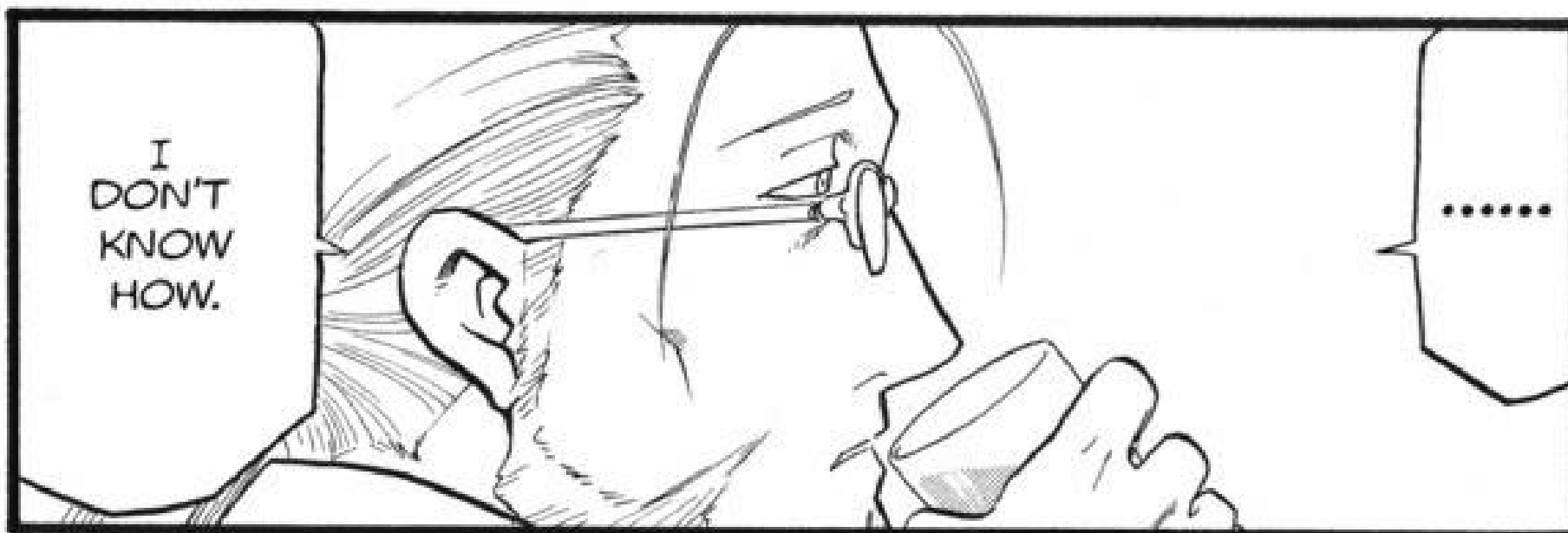




WHY
DIDN'T
SOMEONE
SCOLD
THEM?
GIVE
THEM
GUIDANCE.

SHUT...

HUMAN
TRANSMU-
TATION...



I
DON'T
KNOW
HOW.

.....



TRISHA
WAS
WAITING
FOR
YOU!

GR...

COULDN'T
YOU AT
LEAST
HAVE
GIVEN
THEM A
PHONE
CALL!?



HOW
COULD I
IN THAT
SITUATION
?

YOU'RE
THEIR
FATHER,
AREN'T
YOU? WHY
DON'T
YOU
SCOLD
THEM?



POOR THINGS.

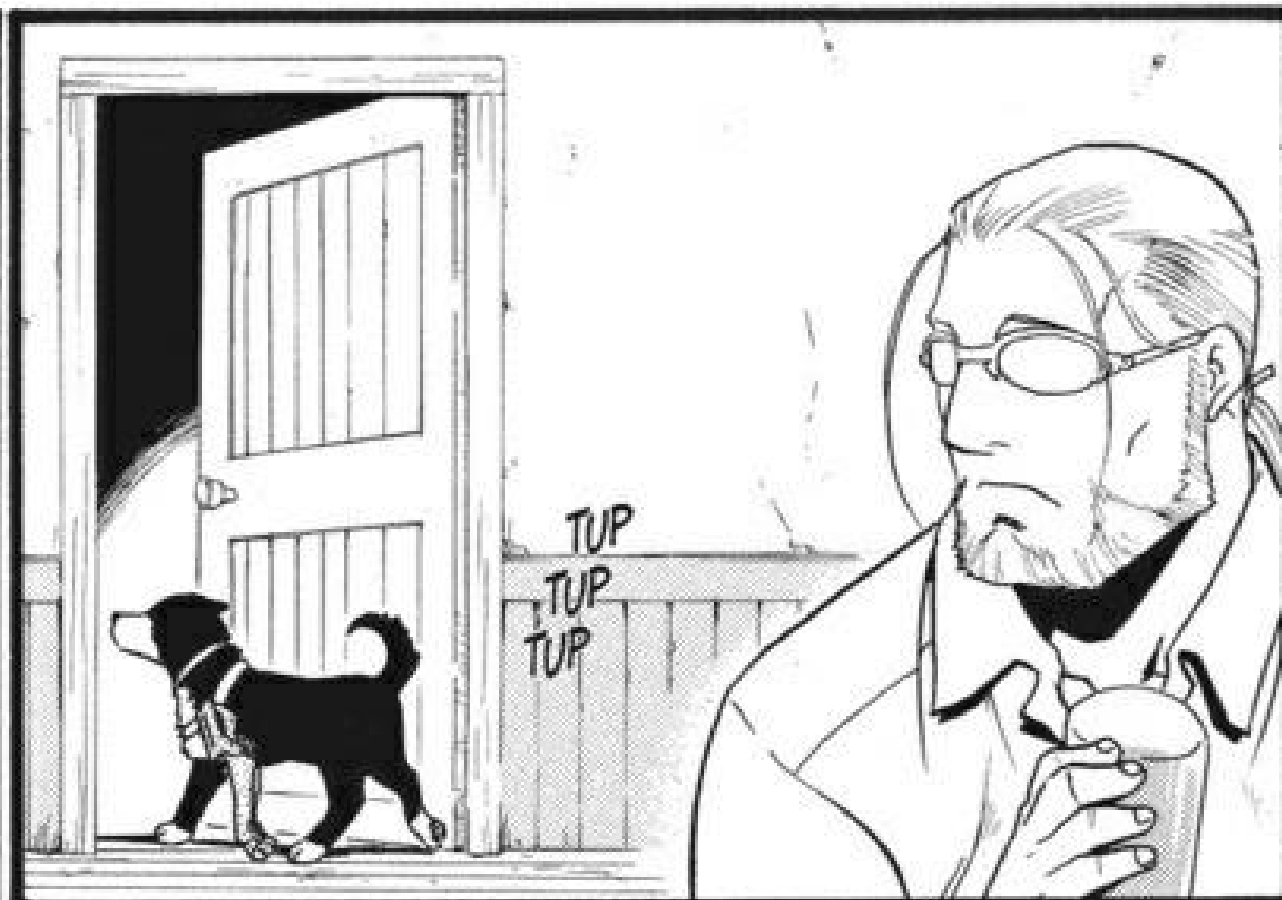
THOSE BOYS WOULD NEVER HAVE TRIED TO TRANSMUTE THEIR MOTHER BACK TO LIFE IF YOU'D BEEN AROUND!



TRANSMUTE THEIR MOTHER... HUH?



ARE YOU SURE IT WAS REALLY TRISHA?



TUP
TUP
TUP



YOU WERE THE ONE WHO CLEANED UP AFTER THEM WHEN THE TRANSMUTATION FAILED?

UH-HUH.

PINA-KO...



FOR
EXAMPLE,
THE
COLOR
OF THE
EYES...

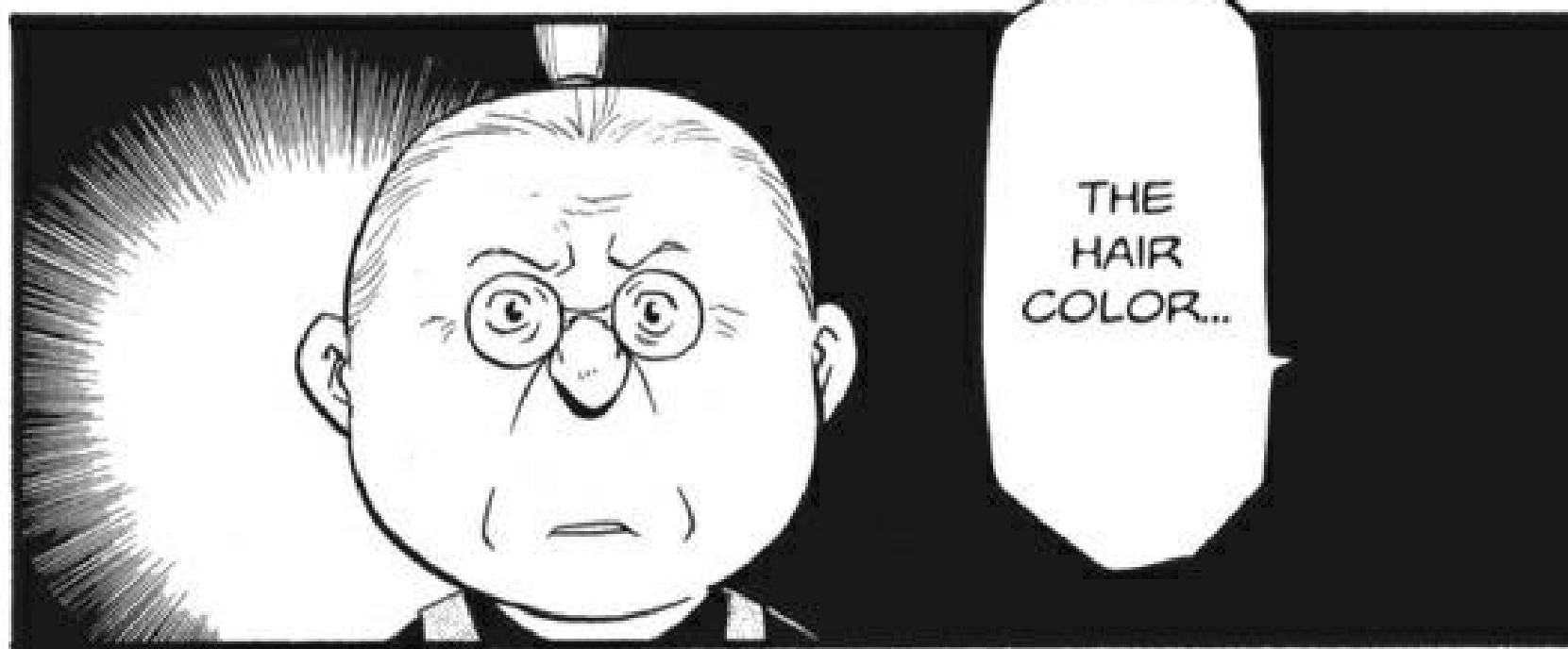
THE
VOICE...



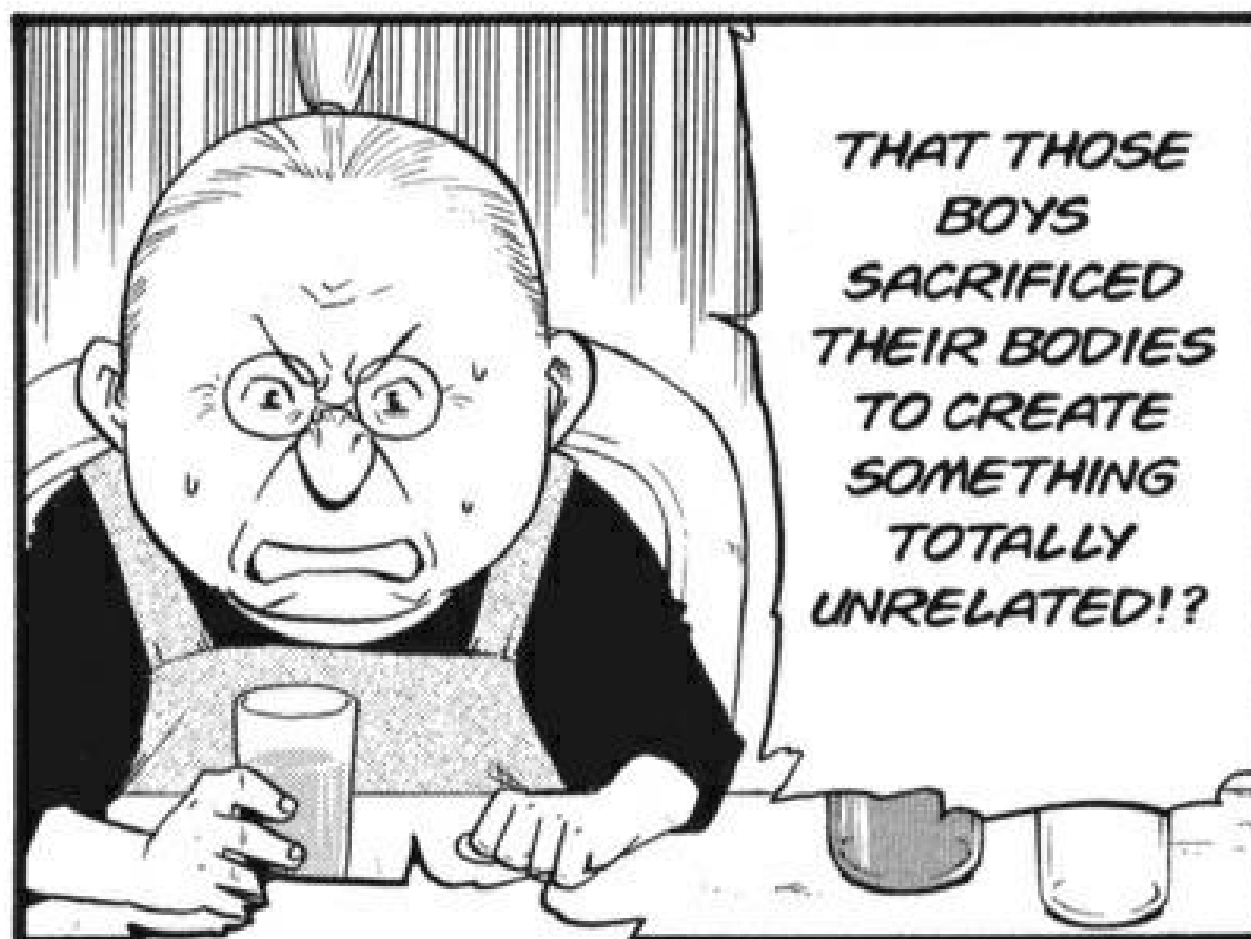
I
COULD
NEVER
THINK
OF THAT
THING
AS
TRISHA.

I TOLD
YOU THAT
IT WASN'T...
SHAPED
LIKE A
PERSON.

THAT'S
NOT
WHAT
I
MEAN.



THE
HAIR
COLOR...



THAT THOSE
BOYS
SACRIFICED
THEIR BODIES
TO CREATE
SOMETHING
TOTALLY
UNRELATED!?

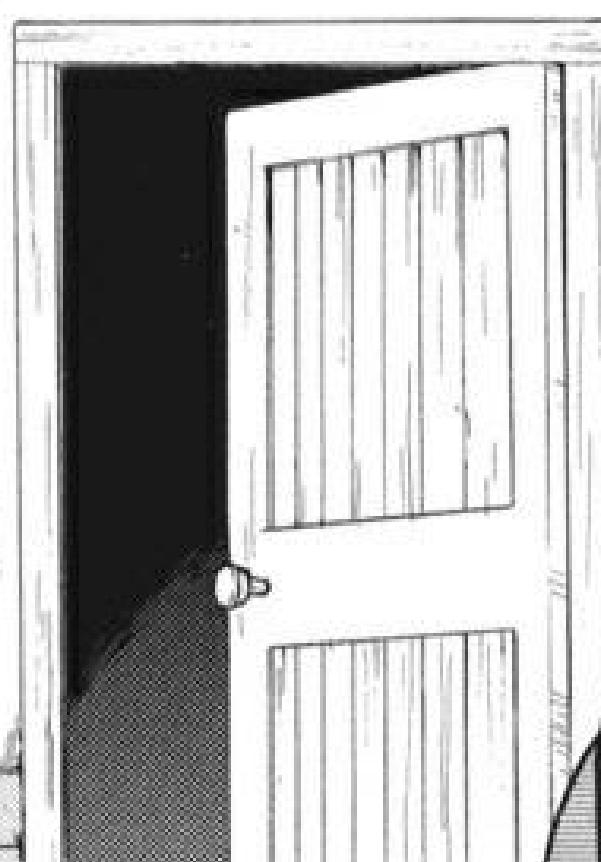


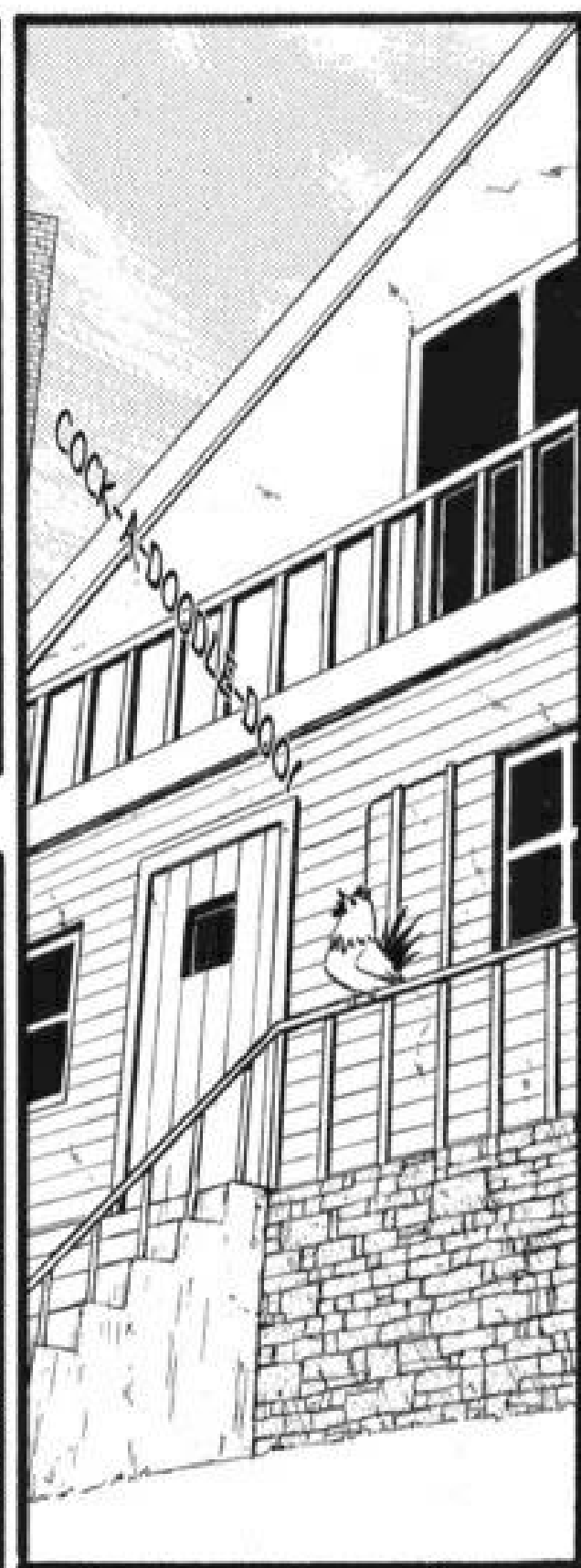
WH...
WHAT
DO
YOU
MEAN
?

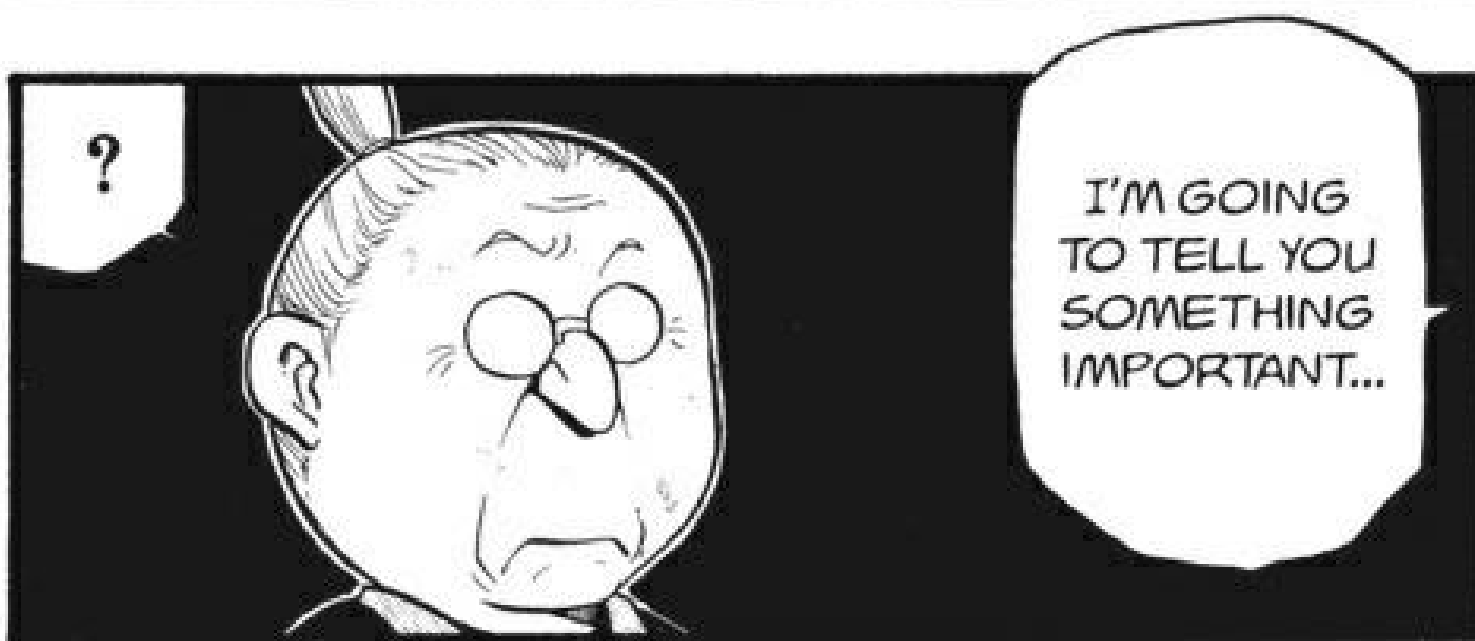
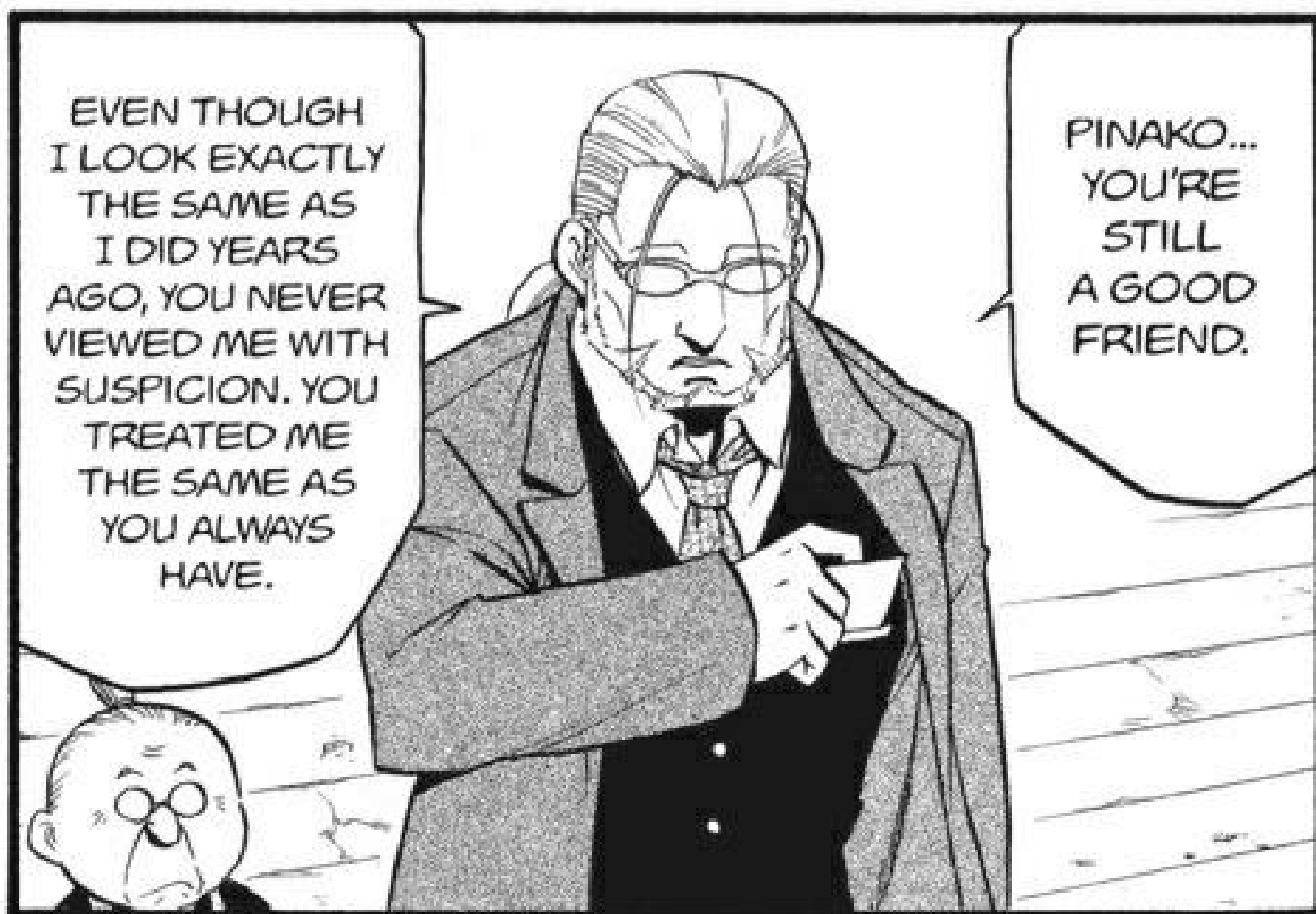
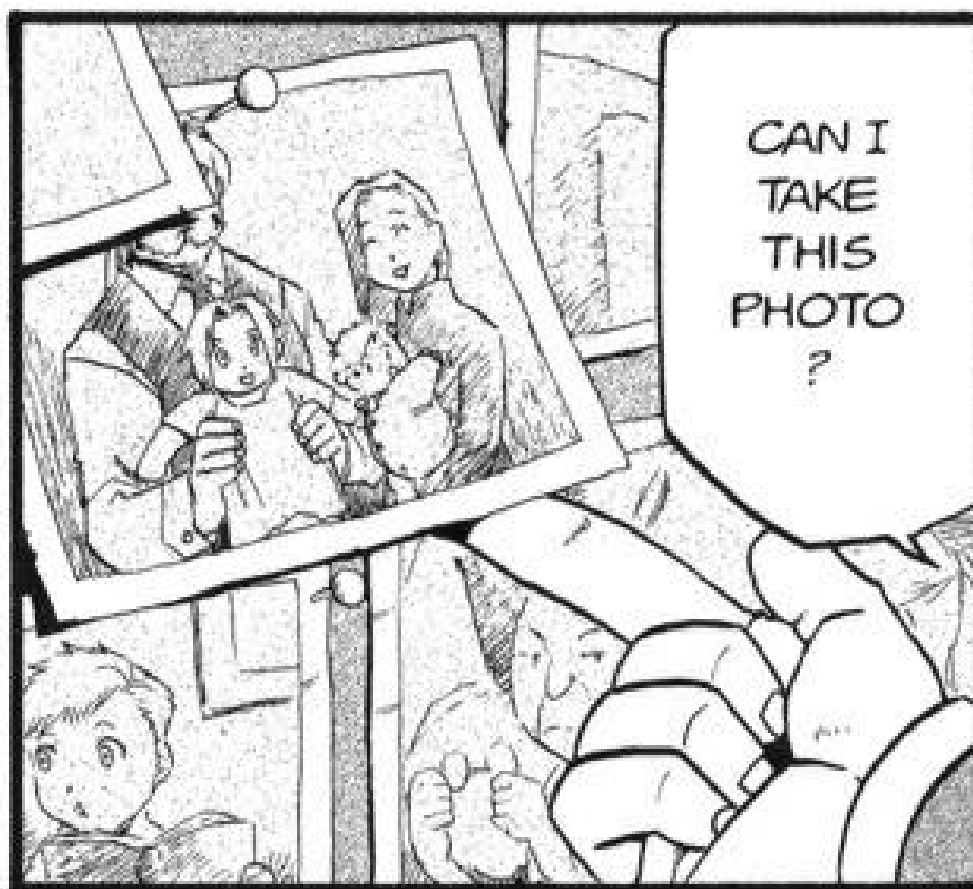
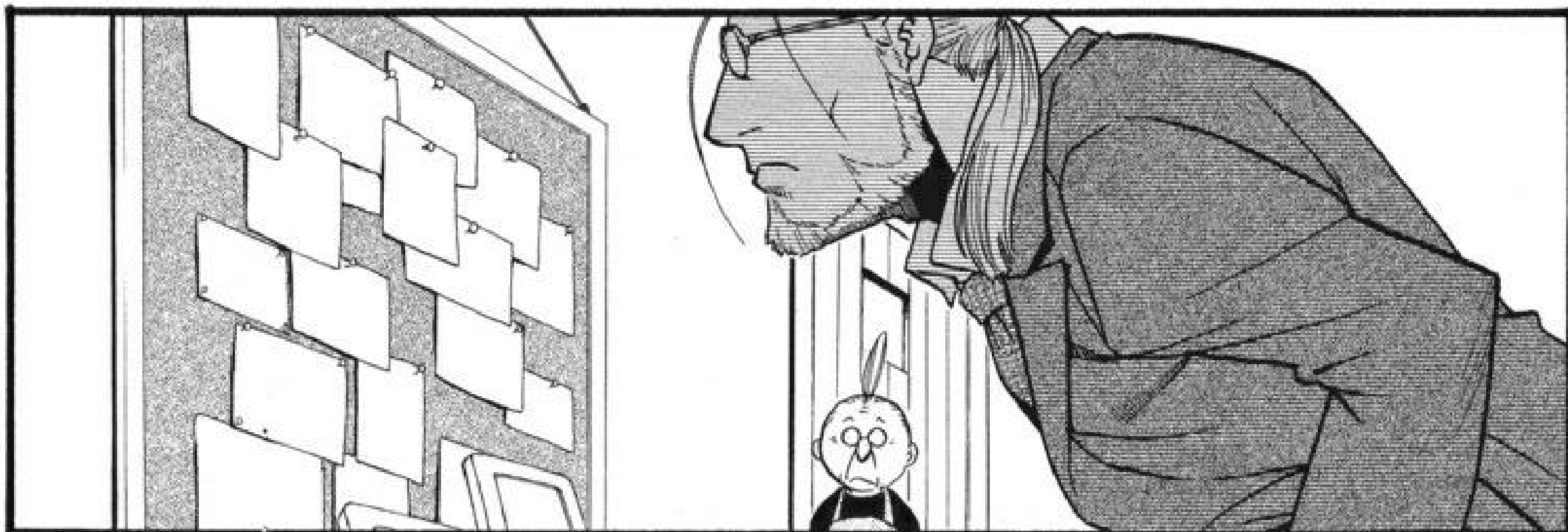
ARE YOU
SAYING
THAT
THING
WASN'T
TRISHA?



THAT'S THE
CRUELEST
THING
I'VE EVER
HEARD!!









ESCAPE
WHILE
YOU
STILL
CAN.

SOON
SOMETHING
TERRIBLE
WILL
HAPPEN
IN THIS
COUNTRY.



...I'VE
GIVEN
YOU
MY
ADVICE.

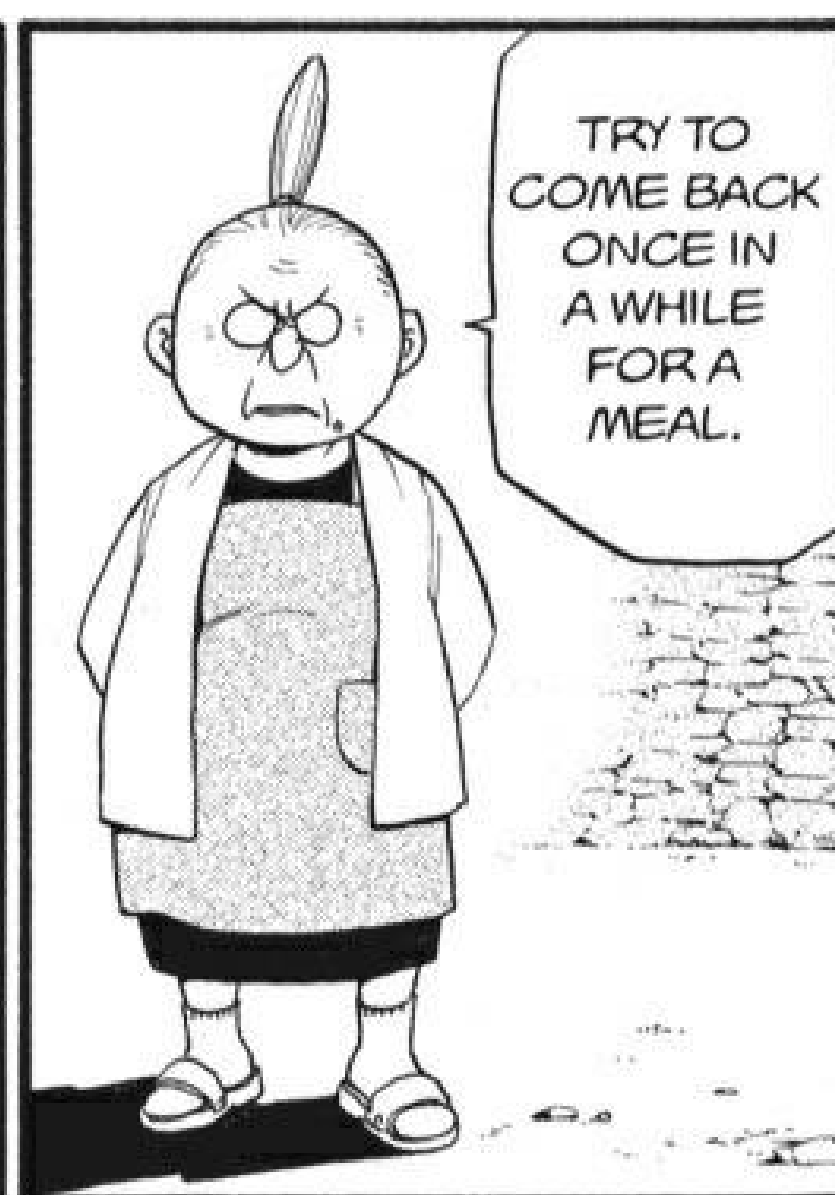


AND THERE
ARE THOSE
WHO NEED
THIS HOUSE
AS A PLACE
TO COME
HOME TO.



WHY
SHOULD
I RUN
AWAY
NOW?

...TERRIBLE
THINGS
HAPPEN
IN THIS
COUNTRY
EVERY
YEAR,
ALL THE
TIME.





YEAH.

DAD
SHOWED
UP AFTER
BEING
MISSING
FOR TEN
YEARS.

SHOULDN'T
YOU GO
AND SEE
HIM?



WHR

WHR

WHR

WHR

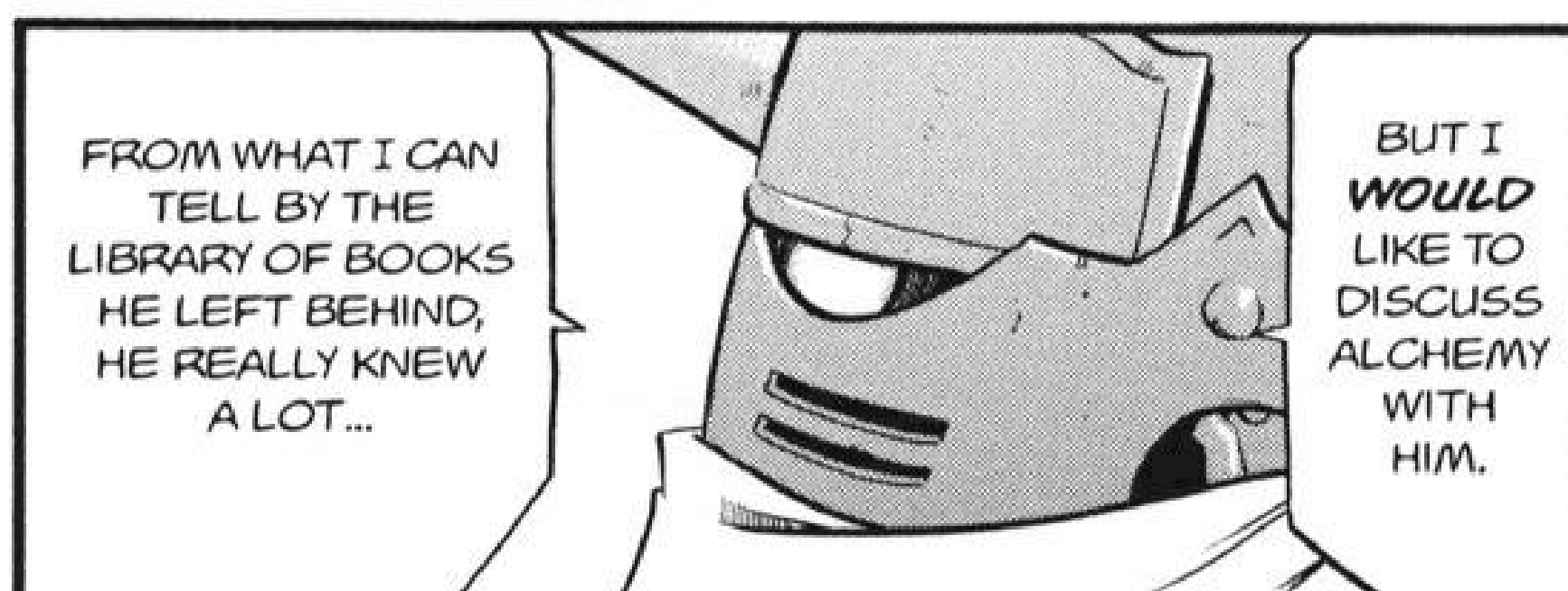
WHR

YOUR
FATHER
?



DO YOU
DISLIKE
HIM?

WELL... EVEN
IF I SAW HIM
AGAIN, I
DON'T KNOW
WHAT WE
WOULD
TALK ABOUT.



FROM WHAT I CAN
TELL BY THE
LIBRARY OF BOOKS
HE LEFT BEHIND,
HE REALLY KNEW
A LOT...

BUT I
WOULD
LIKE TO
DISCUSS
ALCHEMY
WITH
HIM.



I...
DON'T
DISLIKE
HIM.

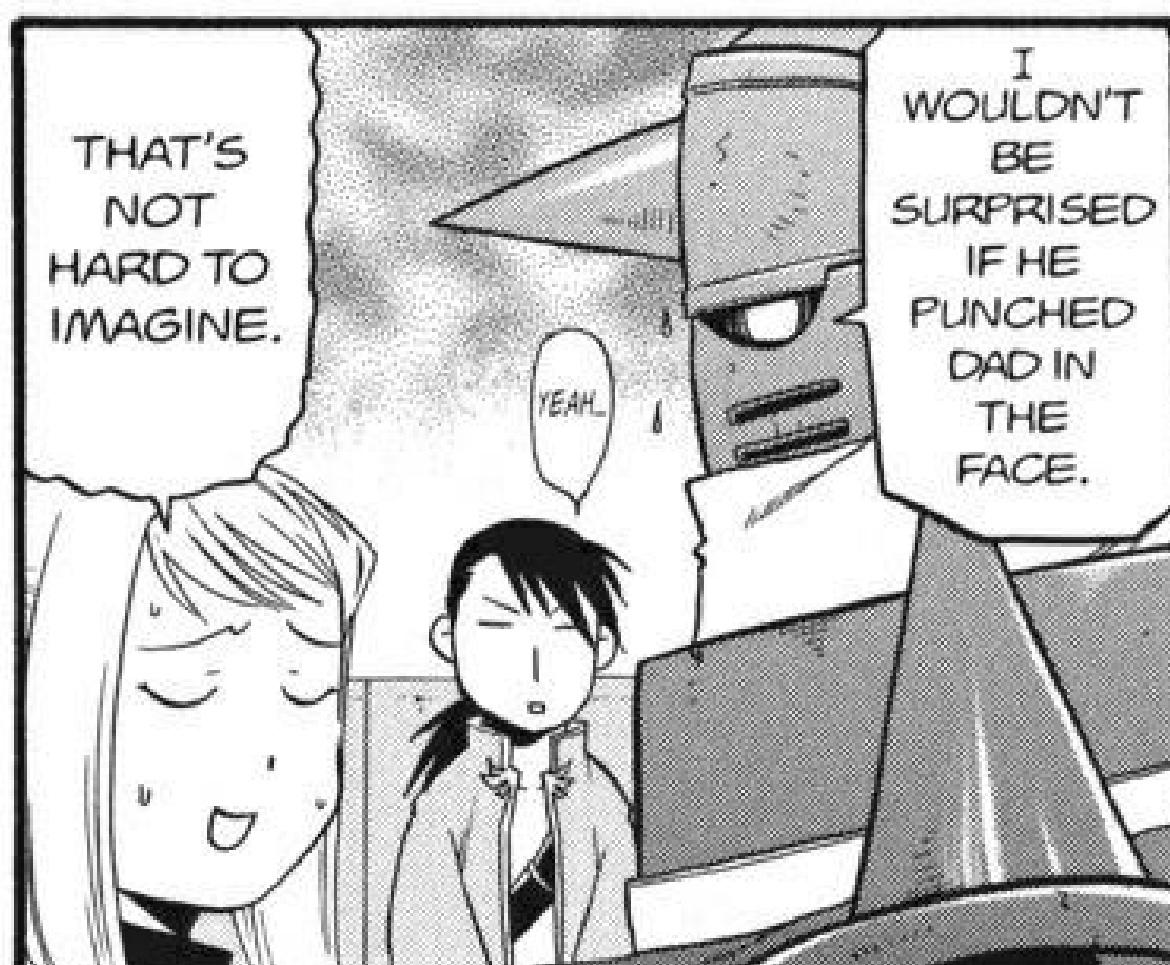
I DON'T
EVEN
REMEMBER
HIM.



?

BUT...

AWW,
JEEZ...





A PRINCE...



UH...
HUH

SO DOES
THAT MAKE
YOU A
PRINCE,
LIN?

GLITTER

YUP.

...OF
XING ?



HEE

HEE

HEE

HEE

HEE

HEE

HEE

HEE

HEE

HEE

HEE

HEE

LANFAN, ARE
THEY MAKING FUN
OF ME?

SHALL I KILL THEM,
YOUR MAJESTY?



A
PRINCE
!!



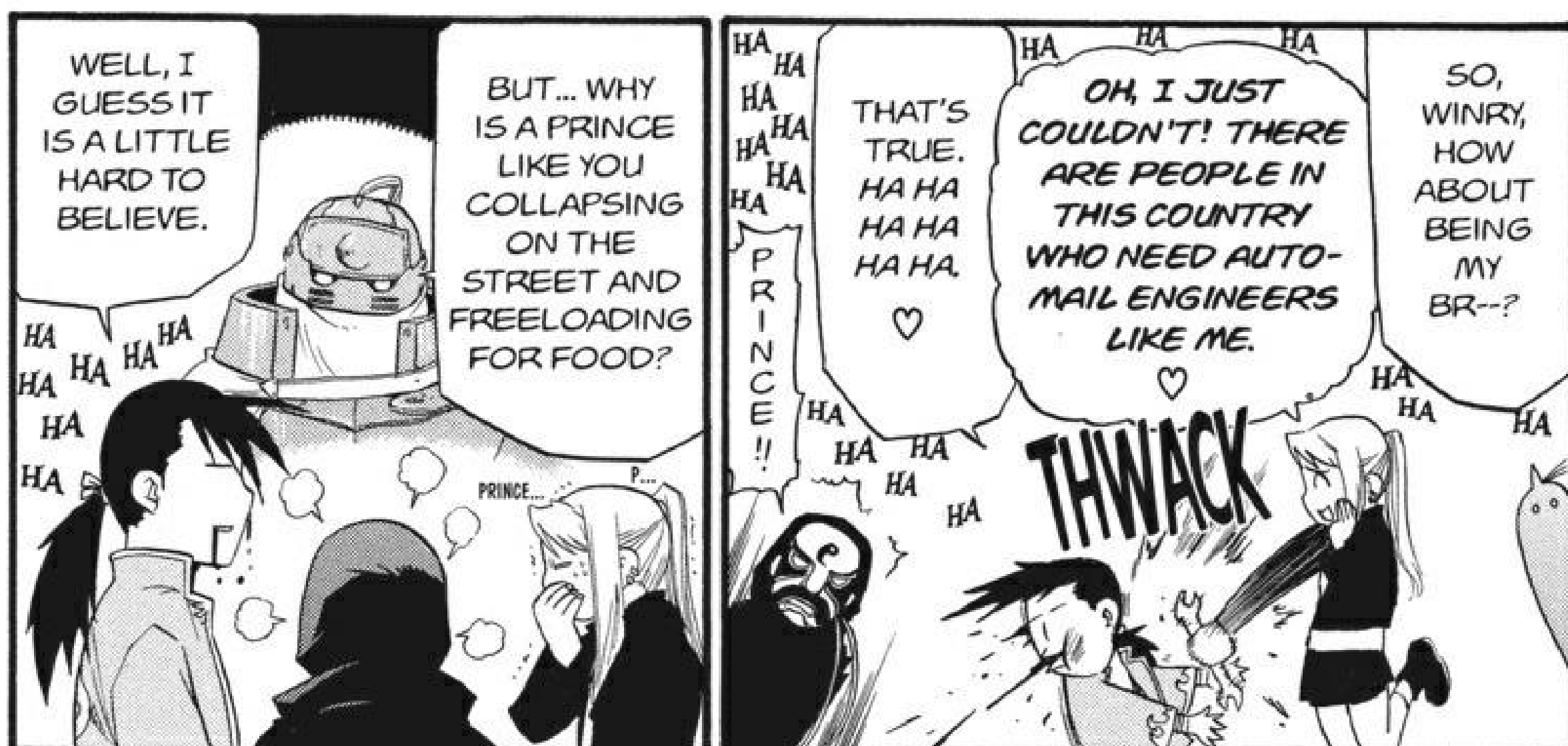
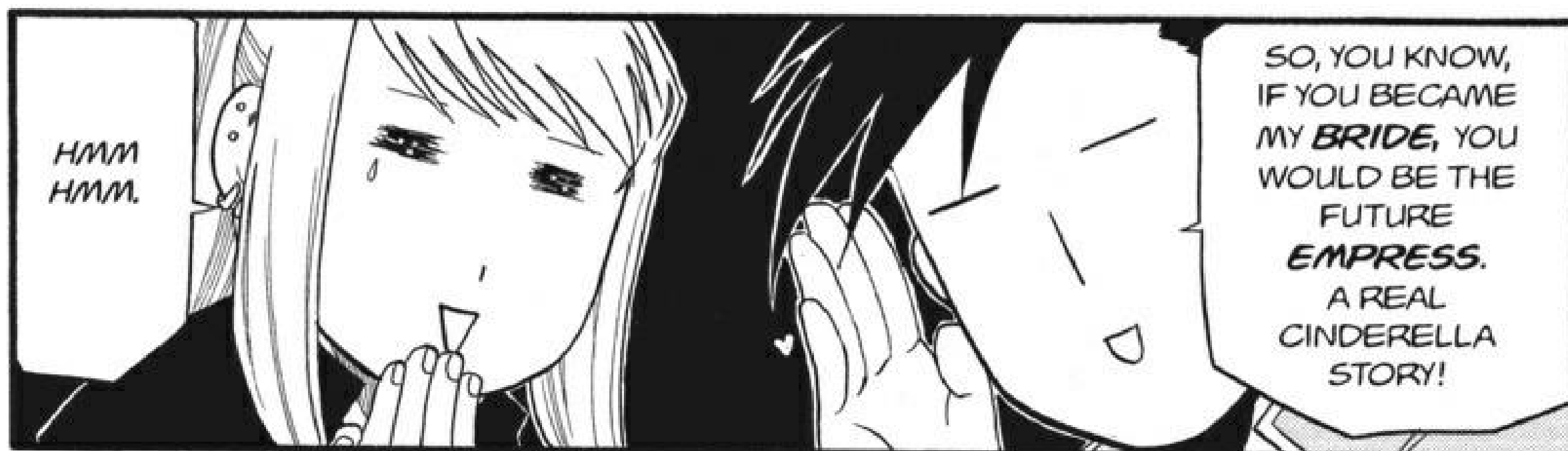
IT
WAS
JUST
TOO
MUCH
TO
TAKE...

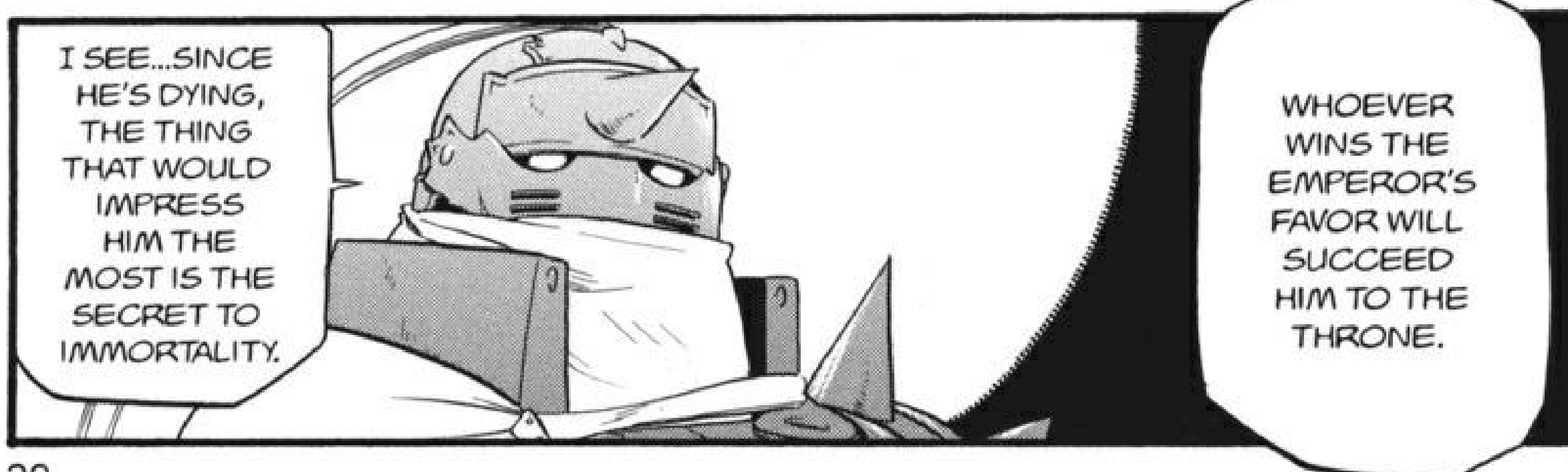
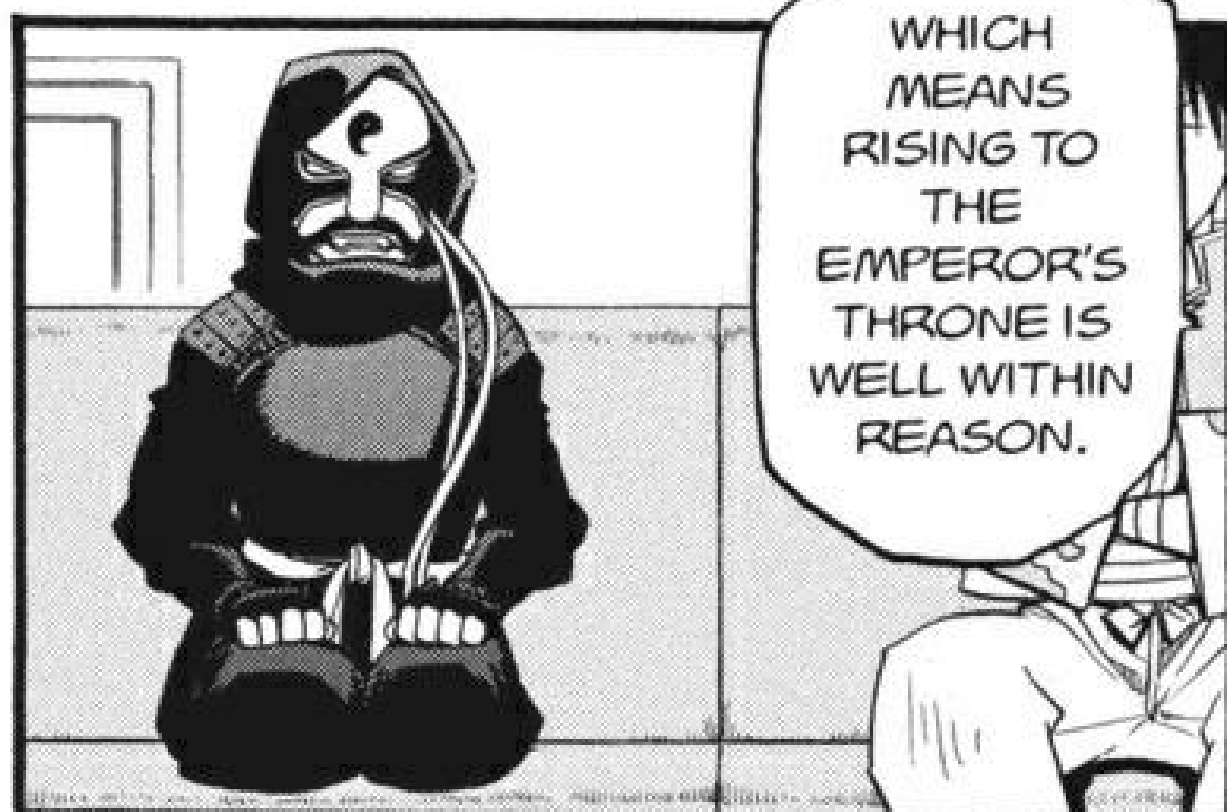
HEY,
I'M
SORRY.

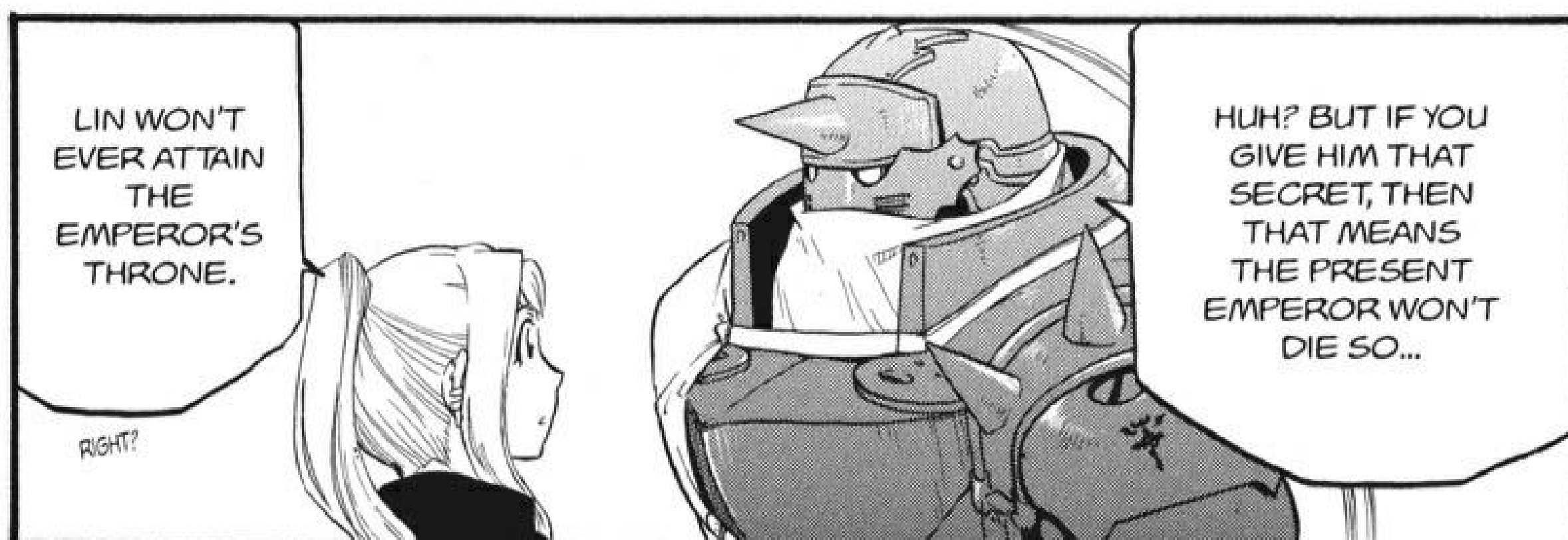
PFT
PFT

PFT

I'M
USED
TO A
MORE...
SHALL
WE SAY...
AWED
RE-
SPONSE.







LIN WON'T
EVER ATTAIN
THE
EMPEROR'S
THRONE.

RIGHT?

HUH? BUT IF YOU
GIVE HIM THAT
SECRET, THEN
THAT MEANS
THE PRESENT
EMPEROR WON'T
DIE SO...



AFTER
THAT,
I'LL
SEIZE
THE
THRONE
ON MY
OWN.

I JUST
NEED HIM
TO RAISE
MY CLAN'S
POSITION,
EVEN IF
IT'S JUST
BY A
SMALL
AMOUNT.

I JUST WANT
TO BRING BACK
SOMETHING
THAT GIVES HIM
A SEMBLANCE
OF IMMORTALITY,
LONG ENOUGH
TO WIN HIS
FAVOR.

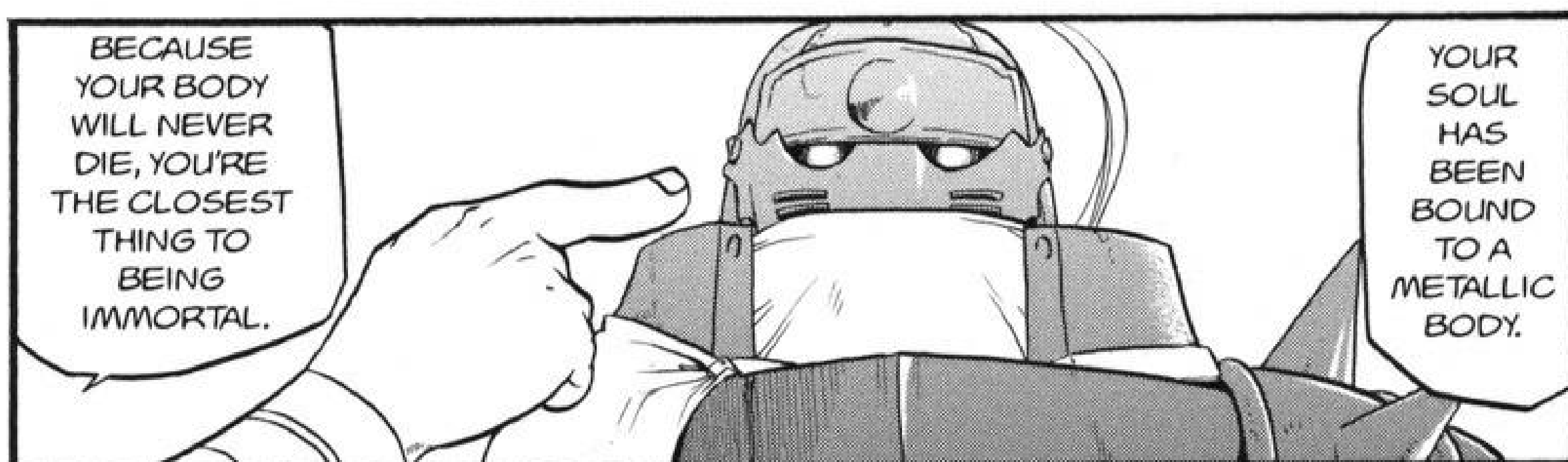
LIKE I
SAID, THE
PRESENT
EMPEROR
WON'T LIVE
MUCH
LONGER.

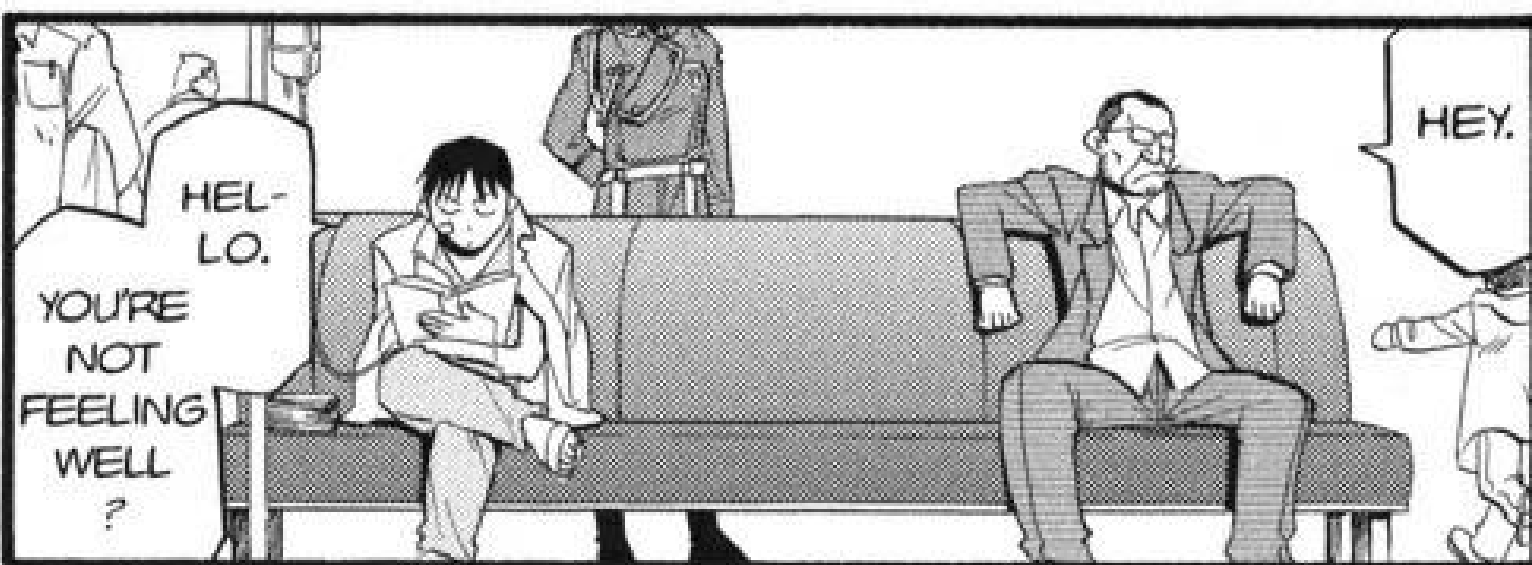


AND
THEN,
I FOUND
OUT
ABOUT
YOUR
BODY'S
SECRET.

...LURED
BY THE
LEGENDS
THAT
SURROUND
THE
PHILOSOPHER'S
STONE.

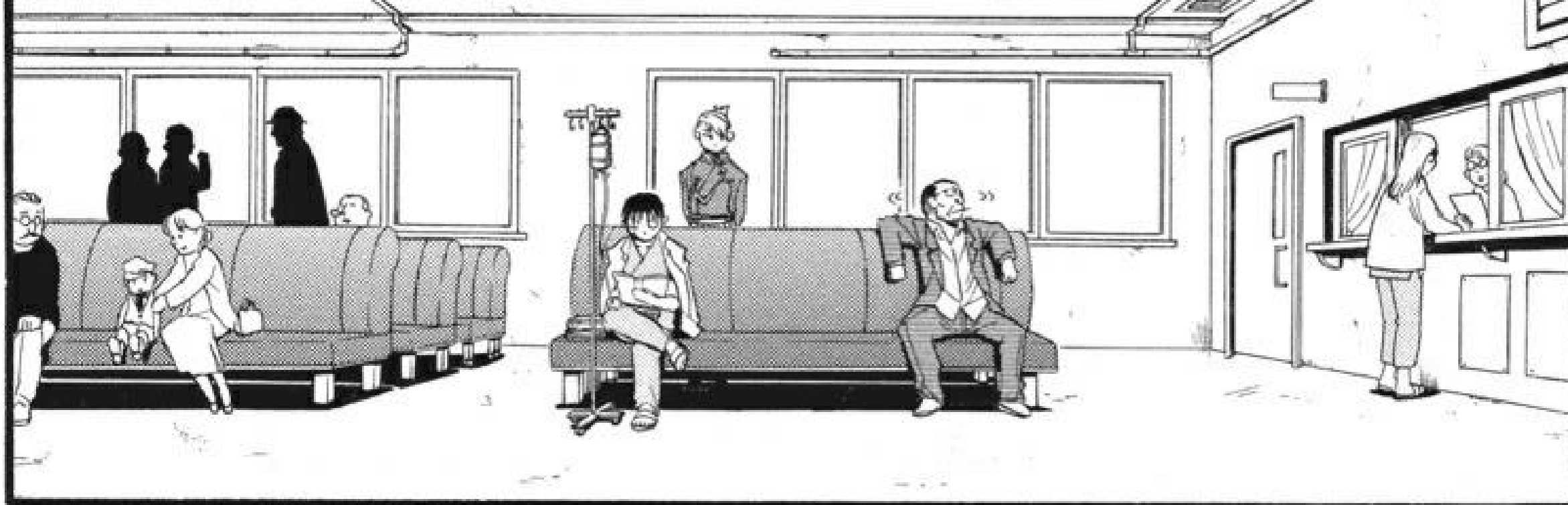
I CAME
TO THIS
COUNTRY
WITH THE
FATE OF
FIFTY
THOUSAND
YAO PEOPLE
IN MY
HANDS...





THIS
BODY
OF
MINE...

...IS
A
TICKING
TIME
BOMB.



YOU KNEW
THAT I WAS
PLOTING
SOMETHING
AND YET
YOU STILL
DECIDED
THAT "THAT
THING"
WAS MARIA
ROSS?

WHISPER



WHISPER

WHEN I
HEARD THAT
YOU WERE
THE ONE
WHO BURNED
THAT **THING**,
I STARTED
TO GET A
FUNNY
FEELING.

WHAT
ARE
YOU
PLOT-
TING
?



FOR A BODY
THAT WAS
SUPPOSED TO
HAVE DIED
FROM
INCINERATION,
THE LIMBS
WERE ALL OUT
OF WHACK.

I THOUGHT
I TOLD YOU TO
DO A BETTER
JOB WHEN
YOU BURN
THEM UP.



THE DAY THAT
2ND LT. ROSS
ESCAPED,
THERE WAS
A LARGE FIRE
IN A MILITARY
FACTORY.



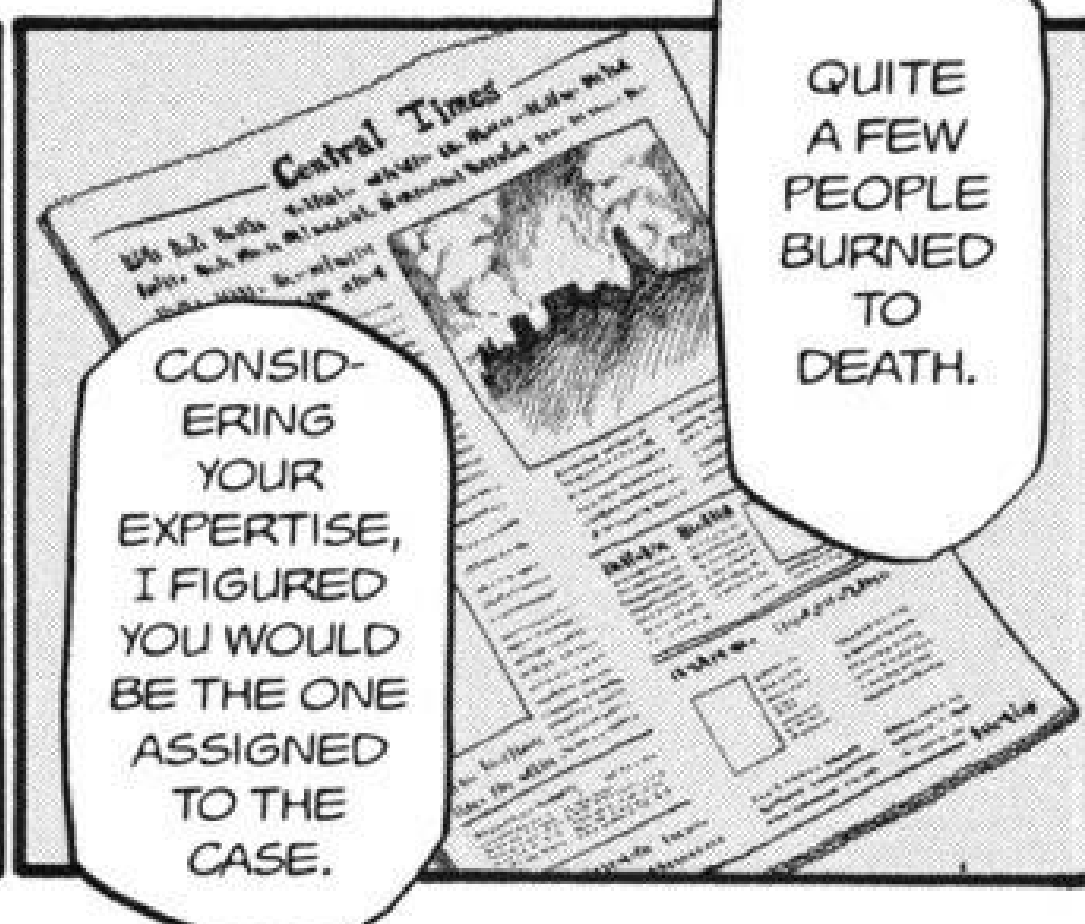
IF ANYONE
ELSE HAD
DONE THE
AUTOPSY, YOU
COULDA
FOUND
YOURSELF
IN A WORLD
OF TROUBLE.

BUT THE
TEETH
DID
MATCH SO
I SAID
THAT IT
WAS MARIA
ROSS.



YOU AIN'T
EVEN SEEN
ME SINCE
ISHBAL. WHAT
MADE YOU
THINK I'D
COVER FOR
YOU NOW?

YOU'RE
CLEVER,
MUSTANG.
OR
STUPID.



CONSID-
ERING
YOUR
EXPERTISE,
I FIGURED
YOU WOULD
BE THE ONE
ASSIGNED
TO THE
CASE.

QUITE
A FEW
PEOPLE
BURNED
TO
DEATH.



WE'RE
COMRADES
IN ARMS.



YOU'D
BURN
THEM,
I'D
DISSECT
THEM.

SURE
BRINGS
BACK
MEM-
ORIES...

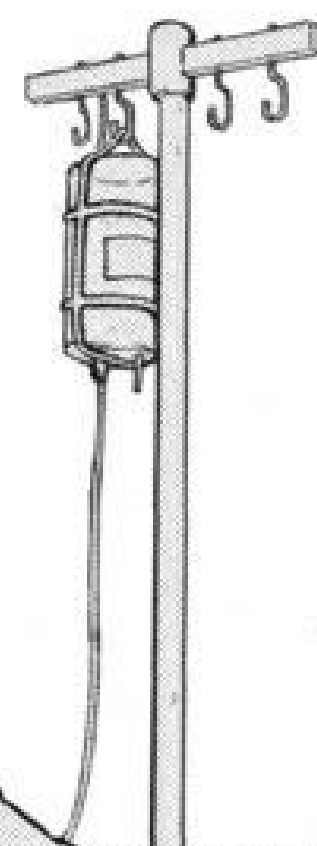
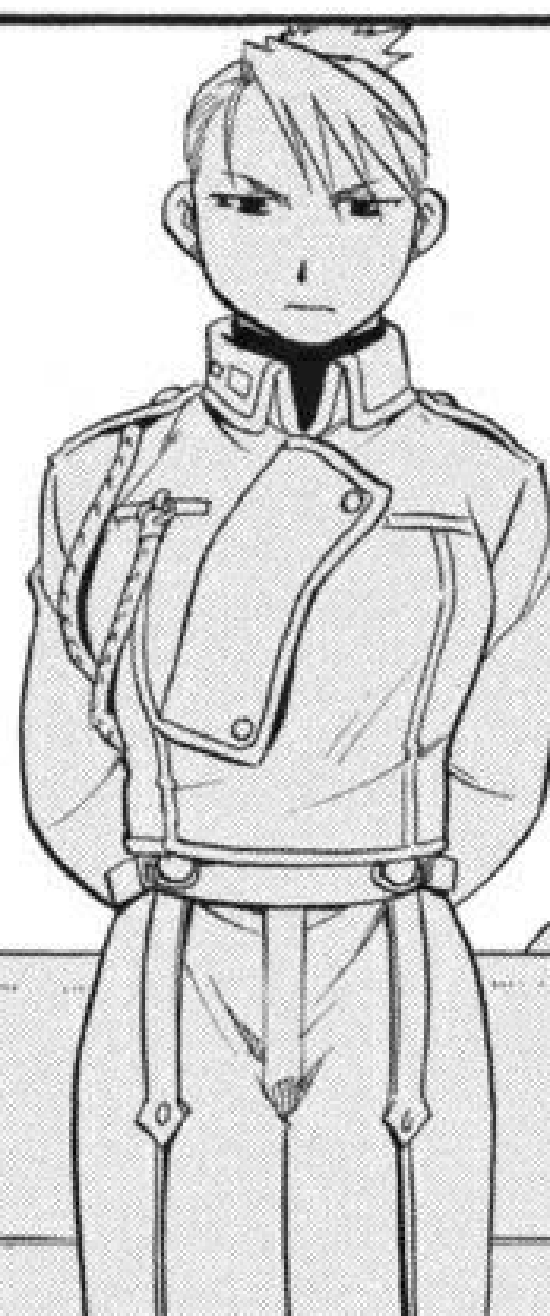


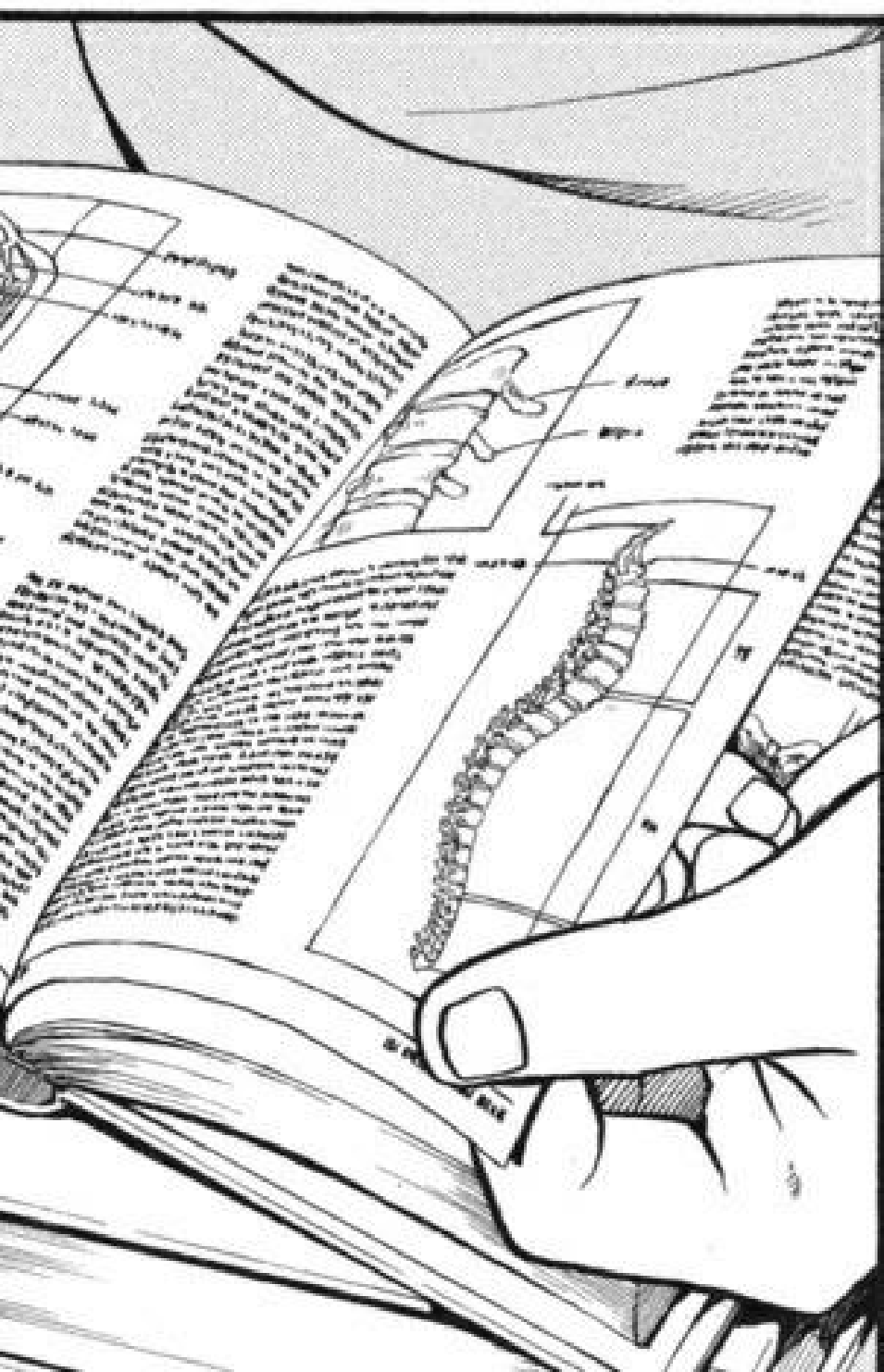
COM-
RADES IN
ARMS?
I
THOUGHT
WE WERE
CLOSER
THAN
THAT.

TCH!



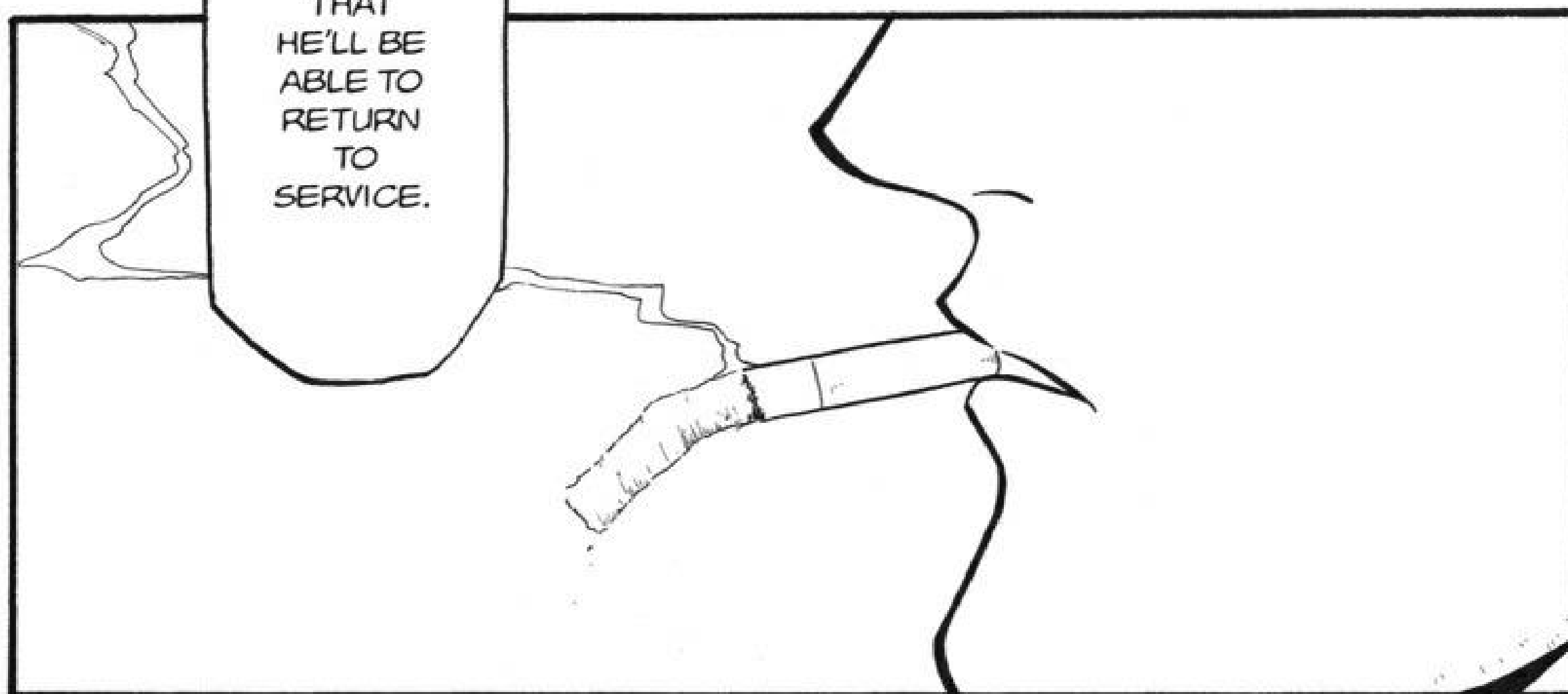
ISHBAL WAS
NOTHING
BUT A HUGE,
BLOODY
LABORATORY
WITH HUMAN
BEINGS
AS THE
GUINEA
PIGS.







MY SUB-ORDINATE SUFFERED SPINAL DAMAGE THAT PARALYZED HIS LOWER BODY.





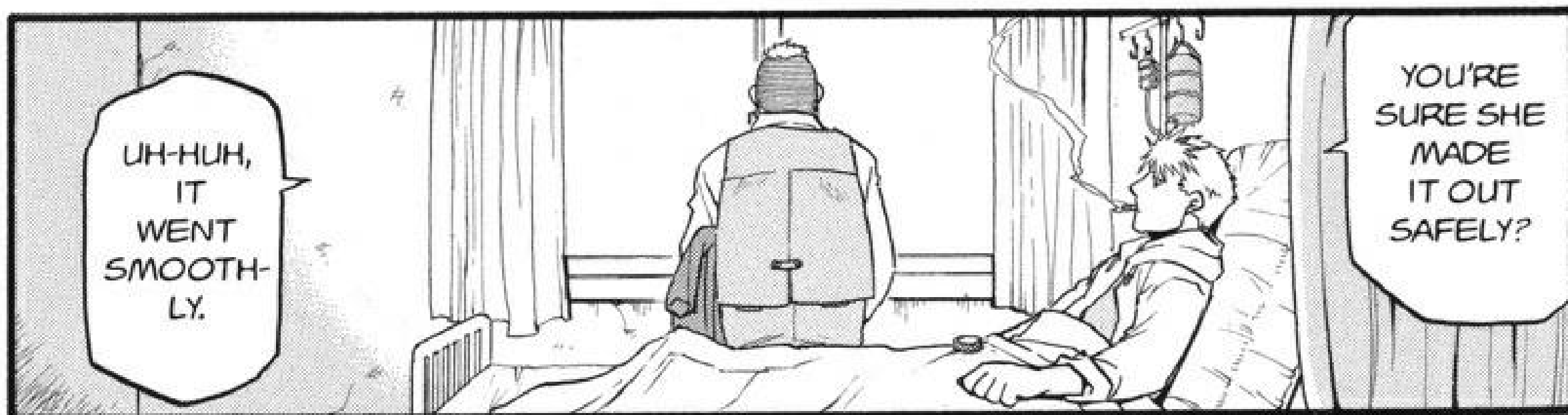
AWW...

AND
THEY
ALLOW
ME ONLY
ONE OF
THESE
A DAY...



YOUR
ASHES.

HAV.



UH-HUH,
IT
WENT
SMOOTH-
LY.

YOU'RE
SURE SHE
MADE
IT OUT
SAFELY?



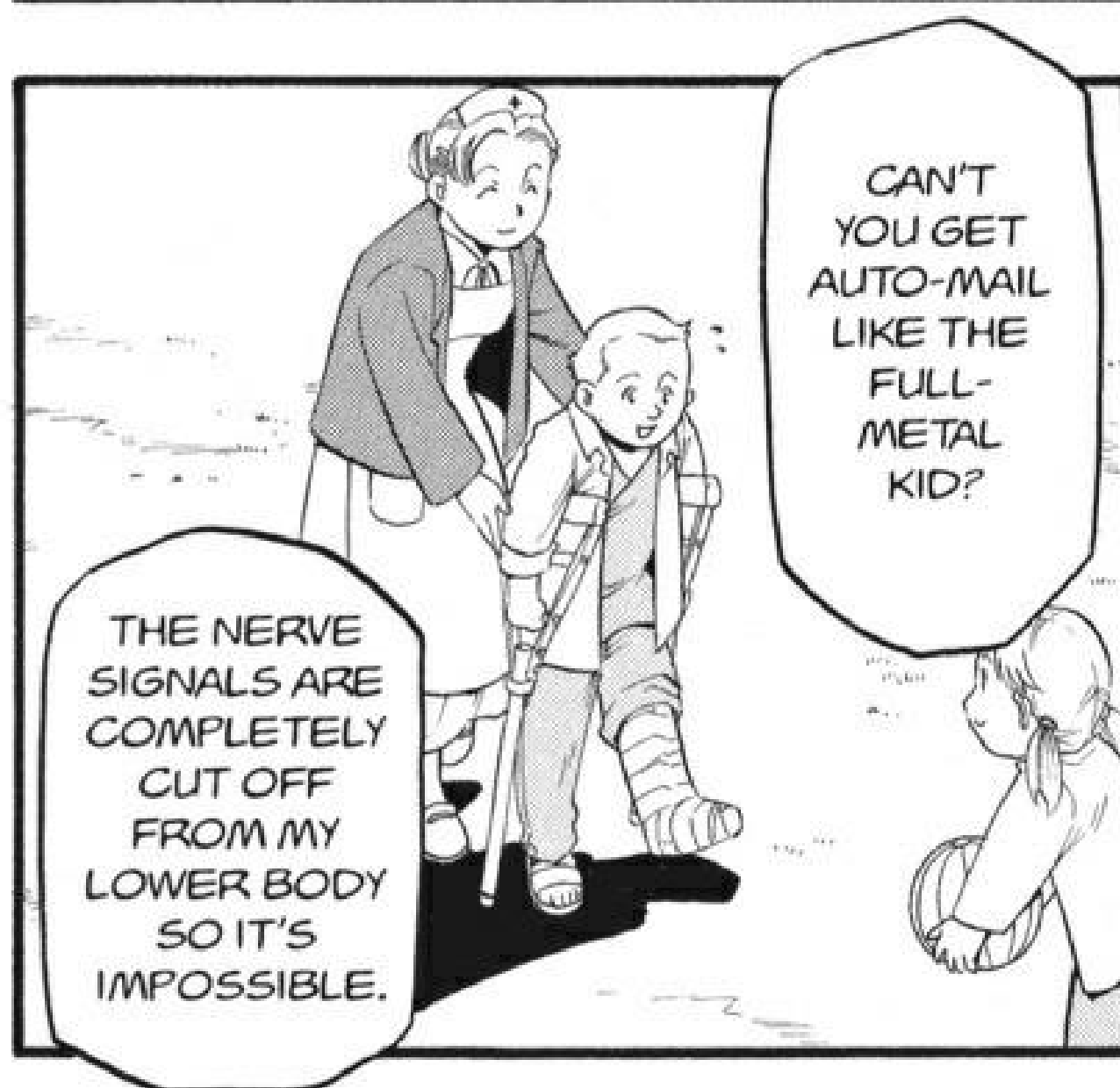
I'M
GLAD.

GOOD.



I THINK
THINGS
ARE
BEGINNING
TO MOVE
FORWARD.

I SENT
MY
REPORT
TO THE
COLONEL
EARLIER.



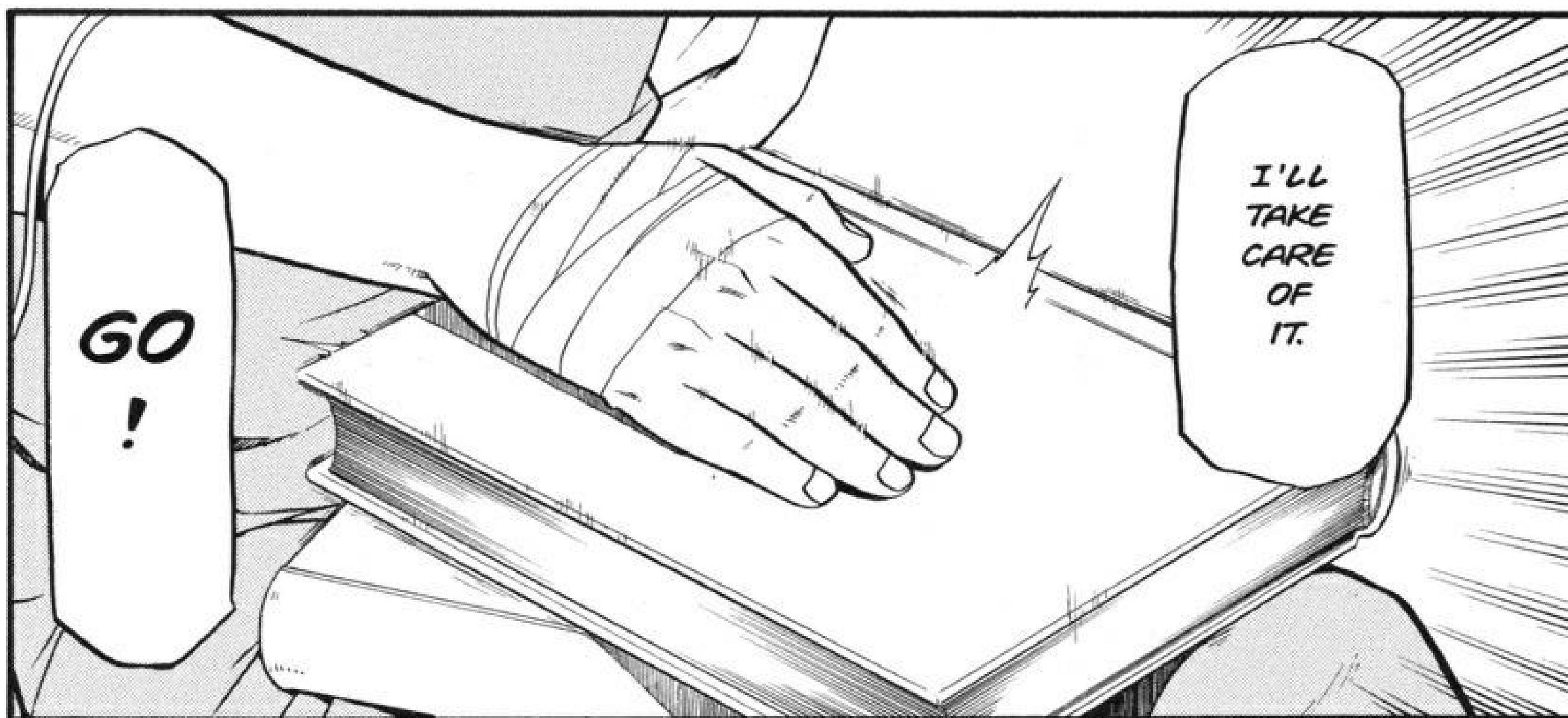




IS IT
POSSIBLE
TO
EXTEND
MY
VACATION
TIME?



THE
MEDICAL
ALCHEMIST
WHO
POSSESSES
THE
PHILOSOPHER'S
STONE!



**GO
!**

I'LL
TAKE
CARE
OF
IT.



THERE.
ALL
DONE.

YOU
REALLY
HUNG
IN
THERE.

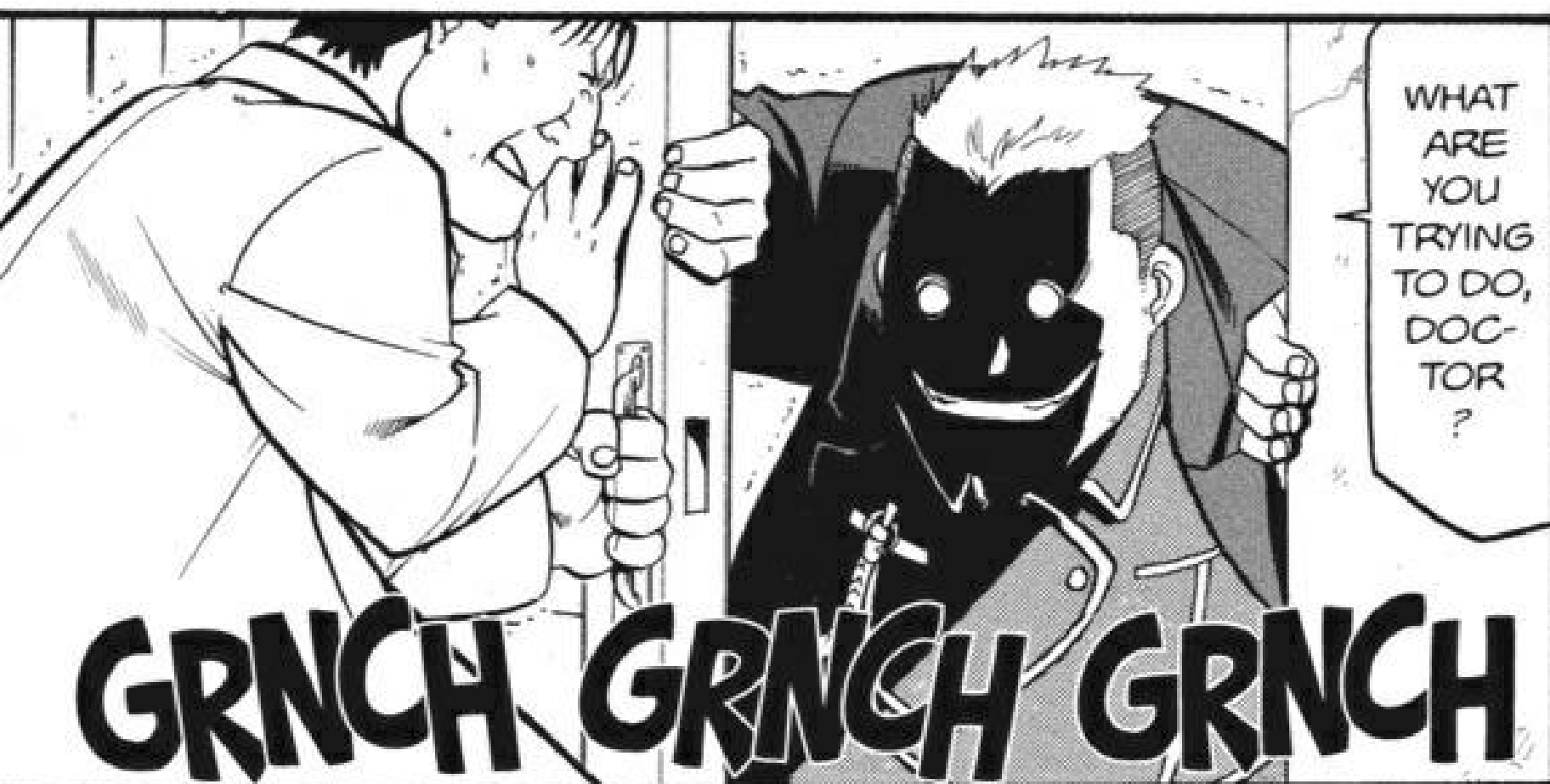


OW...

OW
OW
OW...







WHAT
ARE
YOU
TRYING
TO DO,
DOC-
TOR
?



NOT
SO
FAST
!!



IT...IT
C-CAN'T
BE!
Y-
YOU'RE...



THAT'S
NO WAY
TO TREAT
AN OLD
FRIEND.



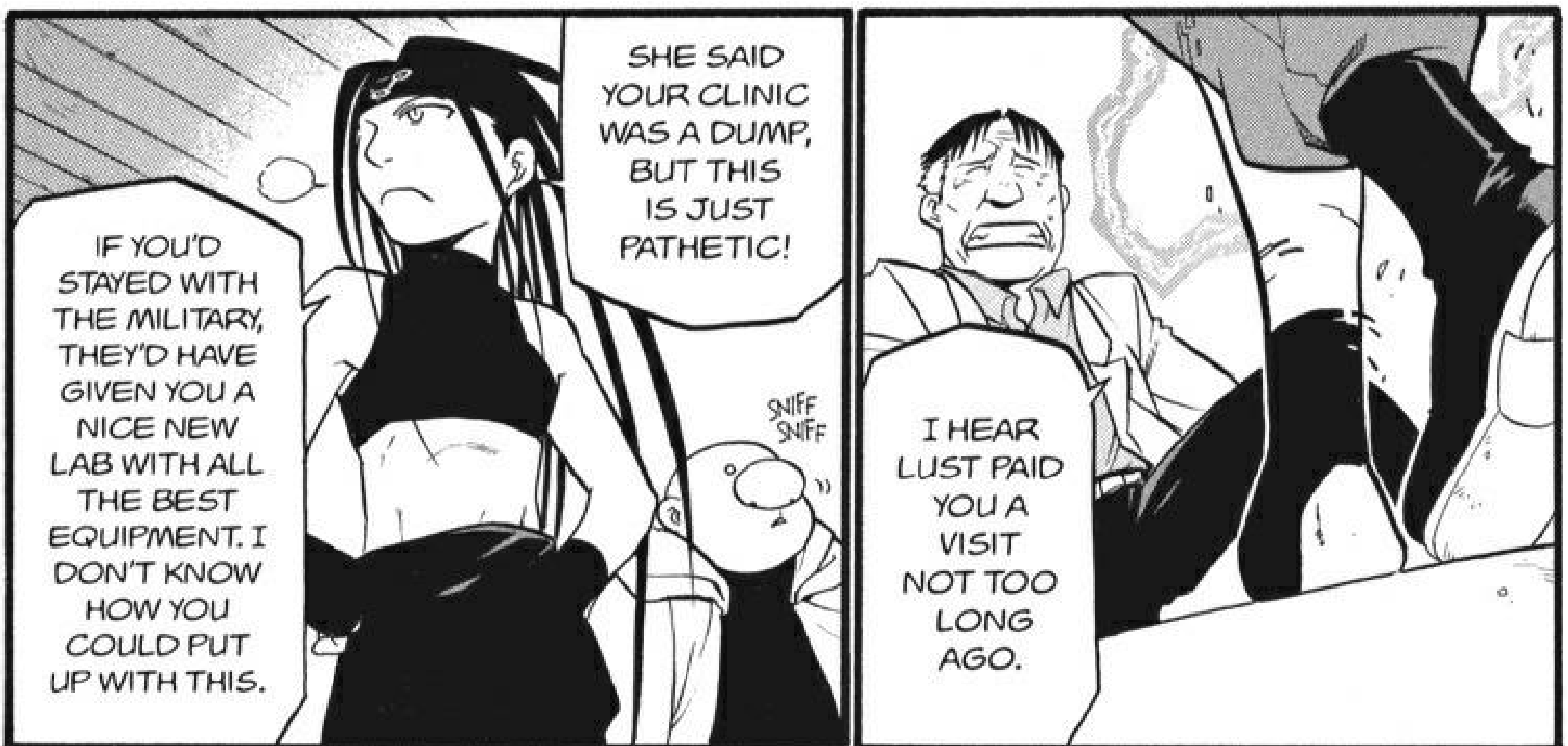
SO
GLAD
YOU
REMEM-
BER
ME.

LONG
TIME
NO
SEE,
DOC.

BZT

FZT BZT

FZT



IF YOU'D
STAYED WITH
THE MILITARY,
THEY'D HAVE
GIVEN YOU A
NICE NEW
LAB WITH ALL
THE BEST
EQUIPMENT. I
DON'T KNOW
HOW YOU
COULD PUT
UP WITH THIS.

SHE SAID
YOUR CLINIC
WAS A DUMP,
BUT THIS
IS JUST
PATHETIC!

SNIFF
SNIFF

I HEAR
LUST PAID
YOU A
VISIT
NOT TOO
LONG
AGO.



WHAT
DO
YOU
WANT
!?

SMELLS
LIKE
LUST...

LUST...

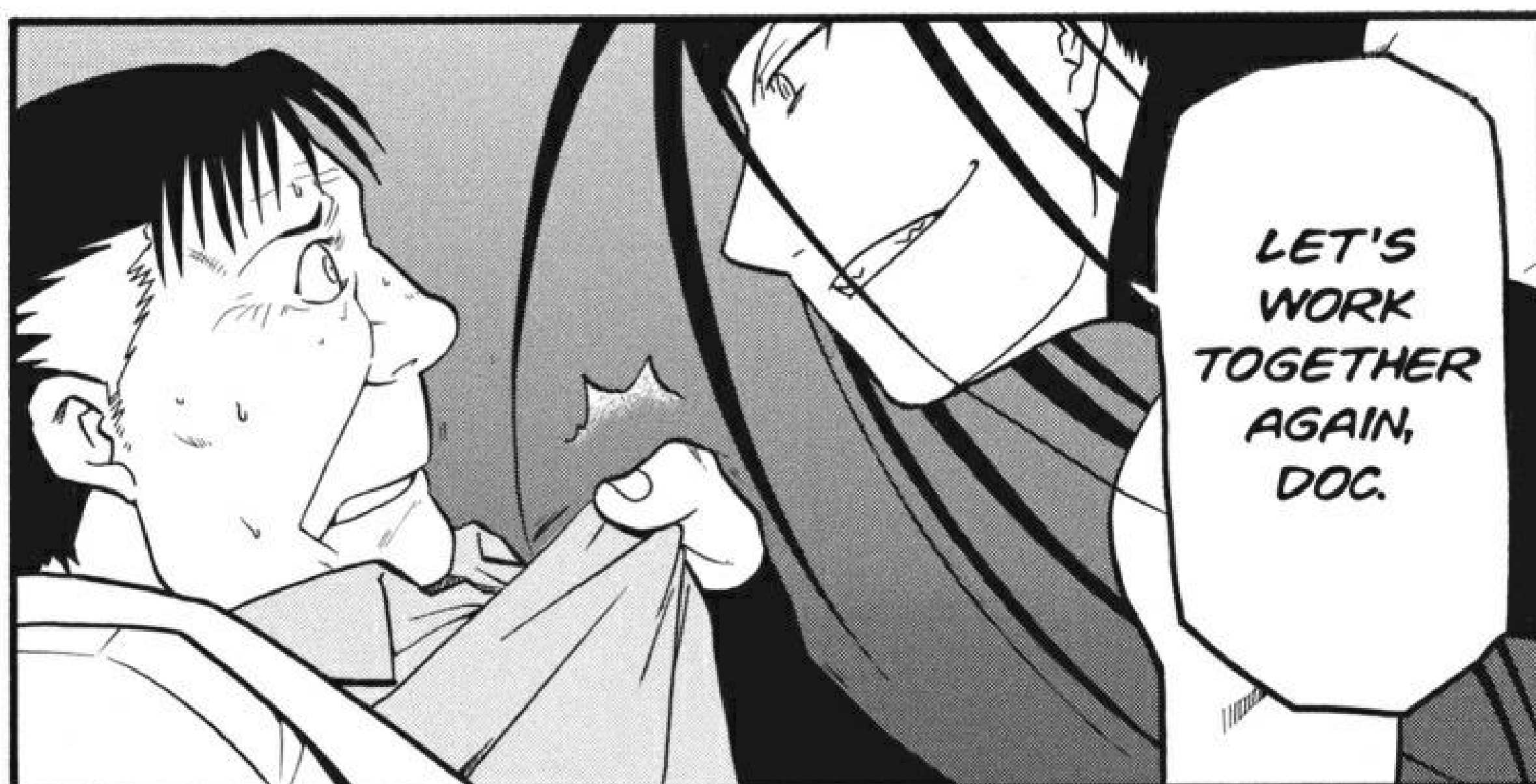


TO BE
HONEST,
LATELY
I'VE BEEN
RUNNING
KIND OF LOW
ON GOOD
PAWNS.



I'M
NOT
GONNA
EAT
YOU.

NO NEED
TO SCOWL
AT L'IL OL'
ME!



LET'S
WORK
TOGETHER
AGAIN,
DOC.



I'M AFRAID
YOU HAVE
NO CHOICE
IN THE
MATTER.

...THAT
IF YOU
TRY
ANYTHING
FUNNY...

LUST
MUST'VE
TOLD
YOU,
TOO...



COME
TO
CENTRAL
!



LEAVE
ME
ALONE...
!!

PLEASE...





EASY
CHOICE...

...RIGHT
?



TRY
ANYTHING
FUNNY
AND THIS
VILLAGE
WILL BE
**WIPE
OUT.**

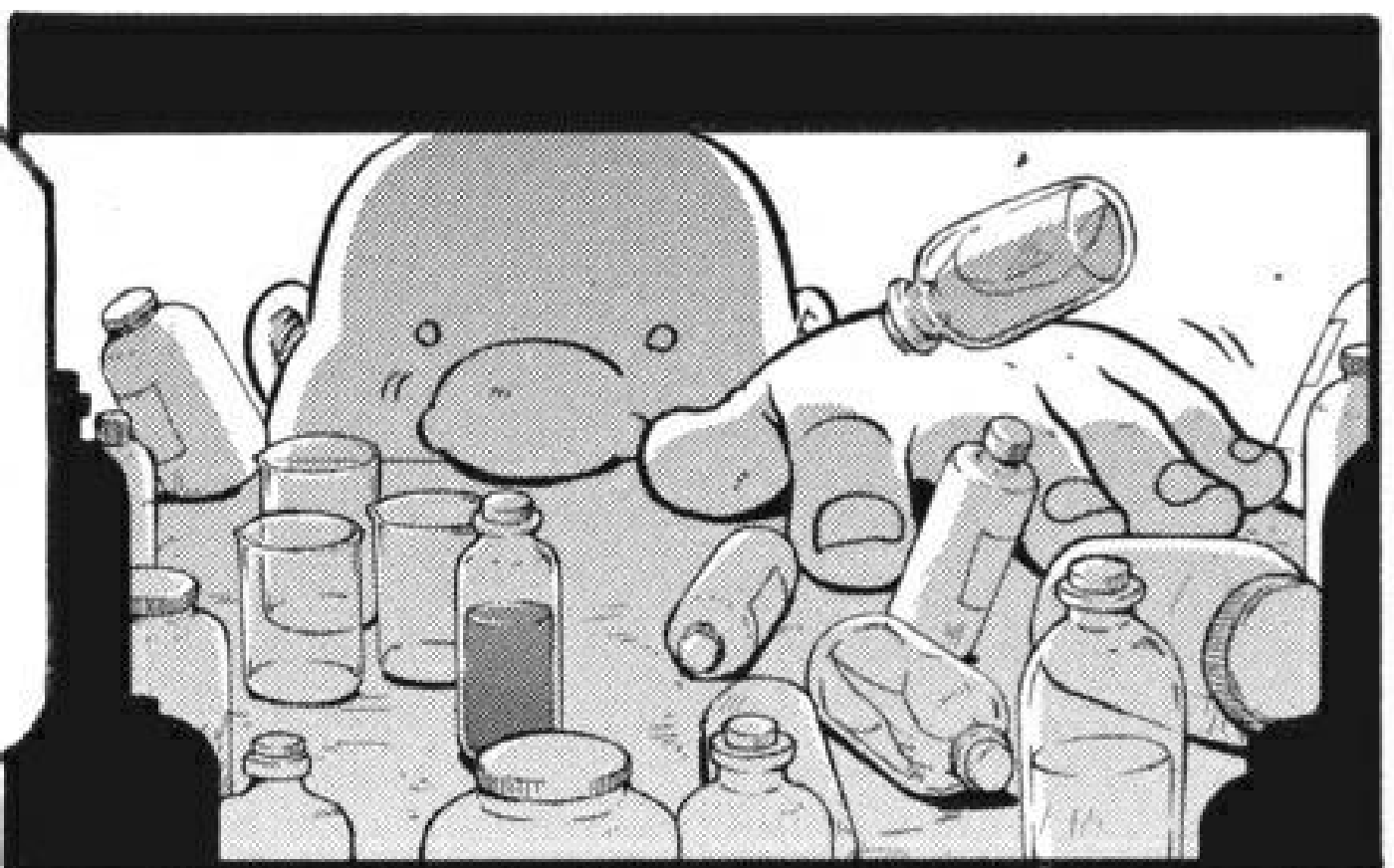
AND IF YOU
DECIDE TO
COMMIT
SUICIDE LIKE
THE COWARD
YOU ARE, IT'S
BYE-BYE
VILLAGE. DO I
MAKE MYSELF
CLEAR?

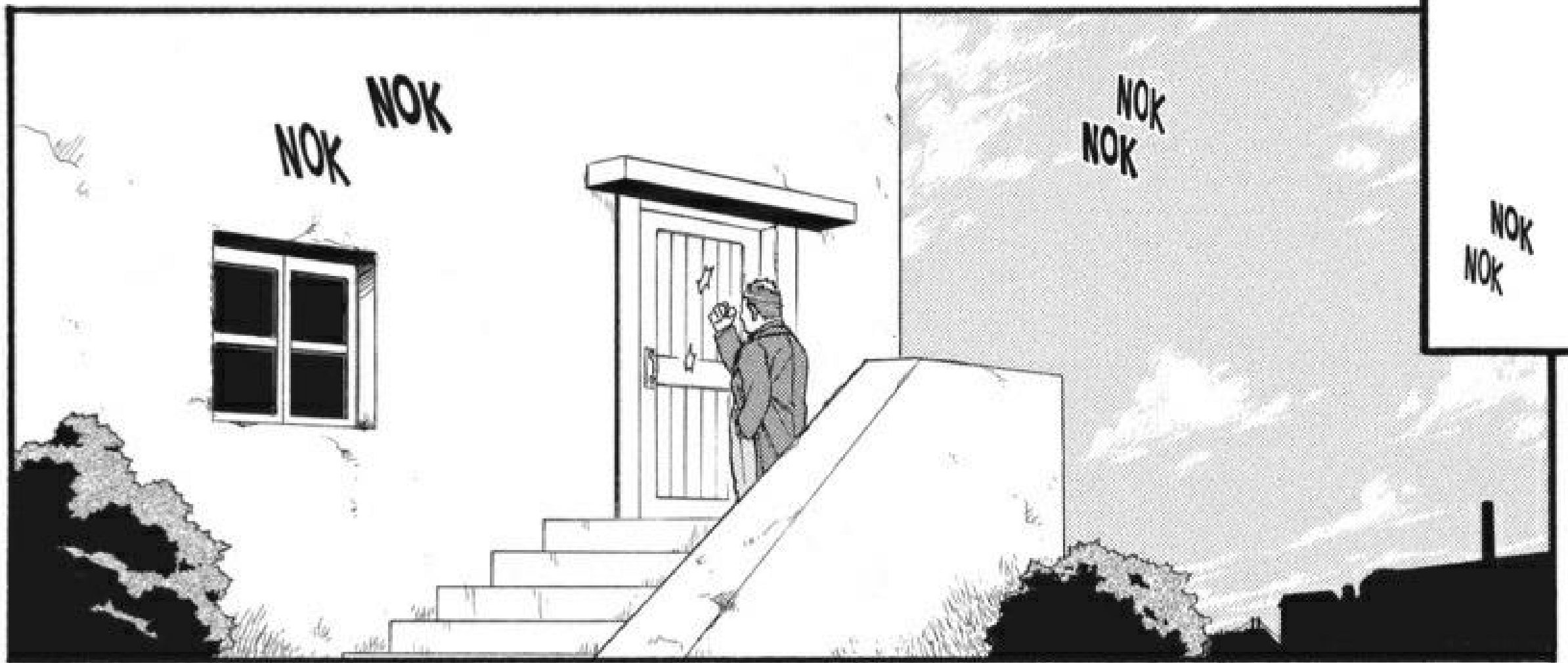


THERE'S
ONLY
ONE
CHOICE
THAT'S
AVAILABLE
TO
YOU.



**YOU'RE
COMING
WITH
US.**





BUT I COULD
HAVE SWORN
I SAW YOU
GOING
IN THERE
EARLIER
WEARING
A MILITARY
UNIFORM...



NO, THIS
IS THE
FIRST TIME
I'VE EVER
BEEN
HERE.

